

ACBL Unit 479
Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2020

Present: Directors: Bing Kibbey, John Wolf, Carole Schmitz, Dave Partridge, Carl Scheffler, Joyce Spence, Diane Bricker, Denise Cox, Ali Amory, Betsy Ovitt (late). **Guests:** Don Marsh, Laurie Rowe, Dennis Harms

ZOOM Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 by John Wolf.

Minutes of August 16, 2020, were approved with one correction to change Director's terms expiring versus retiring.

Treasurers Report: Carole Schmitz

Report was sent before meeting. Question was asked if there were in any ongoing expenses. Carole answered that she is aware of only one to the State of Oregon to maintain the not-for-profit status. Essentially, the balances are the same as in August. The report was approved.

Action: Carole

Item: Monthly Report

Letter Responses: John Wolf

John sent a letter to the EBC member list concerning extending the Board members terms and Save the Bridge Fund. He received 38 plus 10 board members responses. There were approximately 50 not responding. All responses indicated they did not want the money returned. All approved Bing's letter for next year's elections. We will wait until October 1 as indicated in the letter to move forward with extending the board members term in the new year.

John said we will have to amend the by-laws to allow this change. A discussion took place on how the Unit members would vote. John said Zoom would accommodate this and the thumbs up button would give a list of the vote. We need a minimum of 30 members to be present at a ZOOM annual meeting and 2/3 vote of the members present to amend the By-Laws. It was decided we would send out letter to Unit members asking for their opinion on how we do this. John will send out the letter.

Action: John

Item: Open to October

Area Representative Position – Dennis Harms (Corvallis)

Dennis has filled this position to complete Irva's term which expires at the end of 2020. The Position rotates between Salem, Corvallis, and Eugene. It is Eugene's turn to fill the position for the next three years. It will be difficult to name a rep and orient them given the pandemic. Dennis volunteered to be the Area Rep for one more year. The discussion was in favor of this idea and it passed unanimously with thanks to Dennis

Action: Dennis

Item: Closed

Unit Game /Unit Party– John Wolf

The Unit Game could be played on BBO with Emerald Bridge Clubs help. The question was asked why would we hold a Unit Game during these times? Carole said our funds are adequate and the Unit Game would not add that much income. It was determined that the Unit Game was not needed until we are face-to-face. Given the pandemic, the board decided to cancel the 2021 Unit Party at Shadow Hills.

Action: Betsy to contact Shadow Hills

Item: Closed

Old Business

Review Free Plays– Bing

The question of whether Sharron still wanted to bake for the Unit Games was raised. Sharron is also paid \$10 for the cakes. This is moot as in person games are not occurring.

Action: None

Item: Closed

Annual Financial Review – Carole

Georgette Silber has agreed to review the financials. This is not an audit, just a review to be sure the books are in order.

Action: None until 2022

Item: Closed

Partnership Chair Online Potential –Dave

Email list and texting capability. The email list has been updated and is inclusive.

Action: None

Item: Closed

Note: the following items are closed from this agenda and will be addressed when we are face to face.

Unit Game Change–Betsy

Consider piloting an additional Unit game on Fridays to increase attendance.

Action: Betsy and Ellen

Item: Pended

Education and Beginning Bridge –Denise

Denise will convene an Education Committee in the future.

Action: Denise

Item: Pended

Unit Game Set-Up and Clean Up

The Board needs to address this ongoing issue. We need to come at 11:10 to help set up for the Unit Game. We will address when we are back at the club

Action: None for now

Item: Pended

Meeting adjourned at 11:59.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Ovitt, Secretary

Next Meeting: October 11, 2020 at 11:00