

**ACBL Unit 479
Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2020**

Present: Directors: John Wolf, Carole Schmitz, Carl Scheffler, Joyce Spence, Diane Bricker, Denise Cox, Ali Amory, Betsy Ovitt. **Club owner/member:** Don Marsh **Absent:** Dave Partridge. **Past President:** Bing Kibbey **Guests:** Laurie Rowe, Dennis Harms

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

Minutes of September 13, 2020, were approved.

Treasurers Report: Carole Schmitz

Report was sent before meeting. There have been no expenses. The Unit's total asset balance is \$13,495.54. The Save the Club fund balance is \$6,726.41. The report was approved.

Action: Carole

Item: Monthly Report

New Business

District National Rep Report: Laurie Rowe

Laurie explained that she is trying to participate in other units and therefore, is going to play with a Boise club today. She reported that ACBL is working to support local unit and clubs. ACBL will conduct a Club Appreciation week later this month. Also, they are using the Tricky Bridge app to teach beginning players.

Action: None

Item: Informational

Old Business

Letter Responses: John Wolf

John sent a letter to the EBC members on September 13 concerning extending the Area Rep's term, asking for candidates for the Board, and informing them that no unit games will occur until we are face-to-face. He received two responses, both positive.

Action: Implement changes

Item: Closed

By-Law Amendment: John Wolf

John sent a proposed COVID-19 By-Law Amendment (see below) to extend Board member terms and eliminate the need for an annual meeting. Betsy had sent a similar proposal that could be applied for COVID-19, or some other disaster. There was discussion as to whether this special amendment was needed as there is an existing By-Law under Article 5 that states the Board may appoint Board members as deemed necessary. Ultimately the Board unanimously decided to adopt the COVID-19 amendment. The approved amendment will be e-mailed to the Unit Members for them to vote their approval or disapproval for adoption.

Action: Betsy to send amendment to members

Item: Open to November

ARTICLE V J. 2020 Covid 19 Amendment (Proposed)

J. 2020 COVID-19 Amendment - Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, the terms of each of the members of the Board of Directors serving as of January 1, 2021 shall each have their terms extended one year. Terms which otherwise expire at the annual meeting of the membership in 2021 shall expire at the annual meeting in 2022 and those terms expiring at the annual meeting in 2022 shall expire at the annual meeting in 2023.

Also, notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, there shall be no annual meeting of the membership in 2021.

This Amendment does not preclude Directors from being removed pursuant to ARTICLE VII or resigning as a director and any time.

Good of the Club

Joyce raised the concern that there has been some alleged cheating occurring on-line. She thought that folks were signing in with two user names and then kibitzing in order to see all four hands. Don stated that kibitzing is not allowed in any game that costs money. He said that the National Recorder is investigating this situation.

Action: None

Item: Closed

Meeting adjourned at 11:51.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Ovitt, Secretary

Next Meeting: November 8, 2020 at 11:00