

**ACBL Unit 479
Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2020**

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

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

Minutes of October 11, 2020, were approved.

Treasurers Report: Carole Schmitz

Report was sent before meeting. There have been no expenses. The Unit's total asset balance is \$22,326.75. The Save the Club fund balance is \$8,830.63. EBC has returned the \$2,104.22 amount that it received in May as its financial position has improved. Though the board thought that EBC should keep it, Don and Sherri insisted that it be returned so the Unit has funds for potential future needs. The building's landlord has significantly reduced the rent, which helps keep EBC profitable with virtual games. The report was approved.

Action: Carole

Item: Monthly Report

New Business

ACBL Report – Laurie Rowe

Laurie reported that there is discussion at the national level regarding how to expand the membership of ACBL through educating new players. Online bridge is probably here to stay as it is helpful for those players who cannot get out to in-person games and tournaments. In addition, there is discussion about what the future is for virtual games, mega clubs and protection of small clubs.

Action: None

Item: Informational

Old Business

By-Law Amendment Vote: Betsy Ovitt

The COVID amendment was sent to all Unit members in October for voting. There were 56 votes for approval and no votes against.

Action: Amendment is approved. Dave to add to By-Laws

Item: Closed

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

There was discussion about the future of Unit 479. At some point in their lives, Don and Sherri will want to retire from owning and running EBC. It is important for the Unit to be able to continue if bridge is to continue in Eugene/Springfield. Keeping the building will be an important part. It was decided that at our next meeting, the sole topic will be succession planning for the Unit.

Action: John put on agenda

Item: Open to December

Meeting adjourned at 11:28.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Ovitt, Secretary

Next Meeting: December 13, 2020 at 11:00