

**ACBL Unit 479  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2020**

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

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

**Minutes** of November 8, 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 report was approved.

**Action:** Carole

**Item:** Monthly Report

**Old Business**

**Future of bridge-All**

Currently, EBC is doing okay financially with the Virtual games. Don and Sherri will continue to manage EBC until we are back face-to-face. At that time, we should have a discussion about the Unit's and EBC's future. There is a lot of discussion at the national level regarding virtual vs. F2F bridge. The threat is that clubs are merging, becoming larger and pooling their resources. That option is not available to EBC. On-line bridge sanctioned by ACBL is probably here to stay. ACBL is losing about 4% of its members per month and about 40% of its members are not online. Dennis remarked that night games are a dying breed, limited games are strong. Don stated that the morning games are the best attended. The good news is that ACBL is turning a profit this year.

**Action:** None

**Item:** Pended until F2F bridge

**New Business**

**Recognizing Member Achievement -Betsy**

Betsy was wondering whether an email should be sent to the Group List highlighting members achieving new status in ACBL levels. Sherri informed us that these are on the EBC website in the member section. She noted that Doug has done a great job updating the website and hopes members will use it.

**Action:** Don to ask Doug to place on Front page

**Items:** Closed

**Good of the Club**

No issues.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Ovitt, Secretary

**Next Meeting: January 10, 2021 at 11:00**