

## Unit 479: Minutes for 1/14/2024 Board Meeting

Present: Directors - Betsy Ovitt, Ned Forman, Doug Berg, John Thomas, Susie Leo, Joyce Spence, Marna Knoer, Ed Mout, Carole Schmitz; District and Regional Representatives- Don Marsh, Kevin Kacmarynski

Meeting called to Order at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes for December meeting were approved.  
Treasurers Report was accepted.

### **District and Area Report:**

- Kevin reported on the survey, 20% participation, Unit 490 did not participate
- Don was impressed with the commitment of members
- There will be a Regional in Redmond
- Susie reported on meeting with Jim Wheeler, the survey helped understand where to focus
- a 2 session Gold Point is ACBL standard
- People do not understand "IN", perhaps a dictionary of terms is in order
- volunteers are needed at the IN desk in Vancouver

### **Old Business:**

- Youth Bridge
  - the ATA Bridge Club is continuing to progress
  - Ned will be showing "Double Dummy" at ATA bridge club
  - Marna has appointments at South Eugene and Roosevelt to discuss viability of clubs
- Adult Beginning Bridge Lessons
  - Don is doing the pairing for the Mentor/Mentee game, mentees get 1 help call from Don
  - Adult lesson group needs to set up a meeting

### **New Business:**

- Limited Game in December
  - Issue - long wait times at limited game in December

- Suggestion for fewer boards, Don felt this was not necessary
- Earlier months this was not an issue, problem may be resolved by discussion with some players
- might help if it were clear that North need not handle the Bridgemates
- Update on Sectional
  - date and flyer are on the website
  - the date is set with Bushnell
  - suggest that we collect email addresses for attendees and send a “Thank you for Coming” note
- Review Free Plays
  - This is reviewed in January per our By-Laws
  - motion - no free plays: passed
  - this does not preclude other gestures of appreciation especially to Tournament Coordinators
- Social Bridge
  - Ways to connect with former students
  - Betsy will address with the Adult Education Committee
  - Perhaps having a social bridge on a Wed or Sat
- Unit Party
  - Carole and Betsy will work to get a count for Pizza and Salad
  - Sherri will organize the salads

**Good of the Club:**

- Susie will not be here to organize the back room on Saturday
- Kevin request a copy of the letters sent to schools
- Susie is requesting a list of terms for a Dictionary
- \$100 is allocated in the bylaws to Kevin for travel expenses as our area rep
  - no need as meetings are being held by Zoom
  - keep as a place holder in budget if the need for travel expenses arises. He should let us know if it is needed.

Next Meeting 2/11/2024 at 8 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47

