

Garden City Duplicate Bridge Club , Unit 417, Board Meeting on 5/1/2025 at 11:00 AM

Board members present: Kay Hoag, Ron Sears, Barbara Berens and Bob Henderson. George Stern and John Knudsen were absent.

Bob Henderson volunteered to be the new Secretary.

Ron Sears presented minutes of last meeting. Beginning with the 3/19/2025 Unit Board Meeting, thirty days' notice was given to general membership, to amend the bylaws that would reduce the number of Board members from 9 to 6.

The Board unanimously voted to adopt the proposed amendment to the Unit 417's bylaws that would reduce board numbers from nine to 6. Bylaw 6.4 shall now read **6.4 Number. The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) members in good standing of the ACBL as well as members of the Unit.**

Barb Berens presented the treasurer's report of a balance of \$4369.58.

Kay has the contracts for the **Sectional Tournament** to be held March 19-22 2026. These contracts are for the FairBridge Inn Event Center and Room Blocks. George Stern is the Sectional Tournament Director and John Knudsen is the Tournament Chairperson. We decided not to have a workshop so the Thursday 5:00 game will be changed to 1:30 and held at the Club. We need an ACBL Director for Thursday afternoon.

Regional Tournament September September 14-19, 2026 will be held at the City Life Center on Russell St.. ACBL manages the Regional Tournament. Kay will get a contract from Fairbridge for a block of rooms. We need to appoint a director/partnership chair.

Discussion items included the roles and tasks of the Unit 417 Board,. This includes organizing and managing Sectional and Regional Tournaments, present Club awards, ACBL Bridge with Brando, and overseeing the mentor programs.

There was discussion of the differences between the Club and Unit roles. Barb will ask Ken to present the pros and cons of consolidation at the next Club meeting.

Unit 417 board meeting was adjourned at 11:45, May 1, 2025.

Bob Henderson, Secretary