

ACBL Unit 179 ACBL Board Meeting
April 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Online via Zoom

Board Members:

Present: Suzanne Torrence, Mary Pepper, Mickey Wilson, Ann Gibson, Karen Kendrick, Jon Young, Michelle Coop, Pat Williams, Gale Srulevich

Others present: Alison Gembar (Secretary)

Absent: Larry Averbuch, Beth Derrick, Carol Schnaars

Meeting called to order at 5:08

Prior meeting minutes submitted for review.

Motion to approve

Motion approved

Gale Srulevich

QUIP Report reviewed for Q1-2025

Mickey Wilson, Treasurers Report

We closed last year, 2024, with \$37,199.

Q1 2025 we37 earned \$315.40 on our balance.

Recent Sectional Tournament Summary:

Tournament gross was \$11,440, free plays were \$117, net \$11,323.

Payment to ACBL \$5299 in table fees, transportation, lodging and director fees

Net received \$3100. VBC is due \$2369 table fees.

We pay for local evening directors.

We pay for board preparation.

Supply reimbursements were \$480

Positive revenue for luncheons (~\$450)

Net income was \$550 (nearly break-even) for the tournament.

We have prior obligations to pay from previous tournaments and some payments to settle from this past tournament. Once these expenses have been covered, we will have approximately \$33,000 in the bank.

Further discussion confirmed our entry fees are compatible with other Units.

Mickey will send the Financial report to all board members after the meeting.

Pat Williams – Tournament Coordinator

Pat Williams, Karen Kendrick and Jon Young have discussed summer schedule. This will be different from past summer schedules. There will be more variety. Master Novice event for the Summer tournament, Tuesday evening will be Mentor/Mentee Team game. Budget has not been prepared yet. That can be submitted via email.

We are not waiving the entry fee *each* tournament for 0-99ers. This will likely happen every other tournament. It has been successful and there are more 0-99ers that attend the tournaments on a regular basis.

Tournament Committee Members: Patrick Williams, Judy Armonat, Suzanne Torrence, Karen Kendrick, Randy Held
Motion to approve committee members
Motion approved

Beth Derrick (absent) - Disciplinary Committee (Suzanne Torrence presenting)

Unit may not have authority to have disciplinary committee. For now we have put the committee on hold
Club Managers will handle their own disciplinary issues as those issues come up.

Committee members – (provided committee continues)
Beth Derrick and Sid Stanley
Motion to approve committee members
Motion approved

Carol Schnaars (absent) – Membership and Retention Committee

5x5x5 report not available yet.

Welcome letter – in process. Will update next meeting.

Committee Members
Carol Schnaars, Pat Robichaux, Irene Lowe
Motion to approve committee members
Motion approved

Ann Gibson – Goodwill Committee

New Life Masters & Unit Awards Party, coming up Wednesday May 7th.
Approximately 10 New Life Masters.
Annual awards are being handed out for Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs.
Mike Lawrence will attend as he is being inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame.

Budget for event: 100 attendees @ 4.75/person (BarbQue)

Discussion ensued regarding Volunteer of the Year.

We need guidelines and regular nominations for Volunteer of the Year.

Ann Gibson offered to work on guidelines for Volunteer of the Year (VoY) as part of her committee.

Motion to table VoY discussion

Motion approved

(We will review this again at the July meeting)

Committee Members

Kathryn Keenan, Tammy Eden, Laura Schachter, Peggy Crawford

Ambassadors:

David Smithfield, Aissa Wayne

Motion to approve committee members

Motion approved

Education committee, Jon Young and Michelle Coop

Jumpstart Bridge – Michelle will put several copies at the front desk at VBC so members can look at the materials. This material has newcomers playing bridge in 5 minutes!

Currently we are going to schools and offering to teach mini-bridge, 4 lessons.

Bellevue Middle School program has been completed.

We are approved to teach in Sumner County, a limited number of classes.

Michelle would like to start a Saturday club at VBC once we have some more schools established. She has a number of volunteers willing to do this (25 people)

Committee Members:

Michelle Coop, Jon Young, Barb Daugherty, Tammy Edens, Randy Held, Ann Thompson, Becca Ingle, Aissa Wayne

Motion to approve committee members

Motion approved

Jon Young

Speakers – There have been 3 presentations so far and they were very successful:

Chuck Said, Jon, and David Birnbaum.

Bill Lefco will do one in May.

After this we will take a break and resume possibly in August, after Nationals.

We will send out a survey to see what people want and prepare speakers accordingly.

Committee Members:

Jon Young, Michelle Coop, Merrie Alexander, Bill Lefco, Mike Reeslund

Motion to approve committee members

Motion approved

Mary Pepper – Newsletter

If anyone has contributions for the Newsletter let Mary know,

Pictures are appreciated.

No committee members presented

Gale Srulevich – Election Committee

Committee Members:

David Cochener and Annie Bartlett

Motion to approve committee members

Motion approved

Old Business

By-laws:

We will present the new by-laws before the Board for approval soon. Mickey will have Mike Reeslund review the new by-laws and then we can discuss and vote to approve the new by-laws. Pat mentioned some concerns about board elections and number of board members can be as few as 1 according to the proposed by-laws.

After Mickey reviews with another expert (Mike), we will re-visit approval of by-laws.

Mickey will send the by-laws to Board Members prior to discussion for approval

Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 29th at 6:30.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion approved

Meeting adjourned 7:15