

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Online via "Zoom"**

Date: April 13, 2022

Board Members:

Present: Dot Blue, Bob Dietrick, Sheila Fleming, Karen Kendrick, Clifford Kent, Ken McPeak, Gale Srulevich, Pat Williams, Mickey Wilson

Absent: Bob Allard, Richard Chalal, David Cochener

Others Present:

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 4:50

Administrative

Organization Charts presented

Membership Committee:

- Karen Kendrick, Chair
- Bob Allard
- David Cochener
- Gale Srulevich
- Ellen Lockamy

Tournament Committee

- Pat Williams, Chair
- Clifford Kent
- Ken McPeak
- Beth Derrick
- Shannon Sloan
- Barb Daugherty

By-laws Committee (ad hoc):

- Bob Allard, Chair
- Mickey Wilson
- Alison Gembar
- David Birnbaum
- Art Lowen

VBC Liaison: Bob Dietrick

District 10 Board Delegate: Bob Dietrick

GNT/NAP Coordinator: Pat Williams

Webmaster: Charlynn Foust

By-laws require board members to approve composition of committees

Motion to approve committees

Motion approved

Committee reports

Membership Committee has not met recently but will be meeting soon.

Tournament Committee will meet soon

By-laws Committee has met but Bob Allard is not present to present meeting update.

Committee discussion: considering whether it is appropriate to modify the by-laws to require the board approve committees before they can be legally empaneled to do work.

VBC Meeting – Bob Dietrick VBC Liaison

Joy Conkwright has experience in grant writing. She has started up the Friday evening game. She wants the VBC board to approve grant to reach out and teach bridge at locations. Grant would also approve those people to become members of VBC; that would be paid for out of the grant. She is seeking grant to help VBC membership and bridge playing membership in general.

Board elections coming up at VBC.

Upcoming VBC meeting agenda also includes marketing of club and increasing membership

Sue Atwood

As of April 13th we have \$8,287.62 in the bank.

GNT/NAP – Coordinator Report –Pat Williams

Nothing to report at this time. Tournaments are being handled by District 10. They are being run solely on-line now and for the foreseeable future.

District President has some concerns about how we are reaching out. Communications to District and Unit members should improve in the future

District 10 had a board meeting on Monday night.

Tunica organizing committee has realized that due to the room commitment they have no desire to return to having a tournament there in the future. For the unforeseeable future Tunica Regional has been terminated

Officers were elected/reelected for District 10; Larry Sealy (Huntsville) continues as President; Charles Durrin (Huntsville) is newly elected Vice President; Judy Knox (Memphis) continues as Secretary and Pat Williams (Nashville) continues as Treasurer.

New Life Master and other honors – Sheila Fleming

Nothing to report on New Life Master parties. We are not at a point to where we can host such an event. Perhaps we can consider celebration at our next regional

Tournament Coordinator – Pat Williams

- Regional obligation to Embassy Suites is satisfied
- Current tournament attendance trends have not reached 50% of pre-COVID levels
- We can hold a full regional at the VBC facility given current attendance
 - VBC accommodates 61 tables comfortably, 70 tables less comfortably, and 76 tables in a pinch
 - So, we should be able to accommodate even if attendance trends improve over current levels. (No one expects anything approaching 100%.)
- Possibilities
 - We have been scheduled for the week beginning July 4. We can keep this. New Orleans was granted a sectional ending that week, but the district will waive the rule that a district sectional cannot be held opposite a district regional. There are competing regionals in Long Beach, Toronto and Halifax.
 - We could move to the week before, June 27. There is a regional in Columbia SC the week before that. There are competing regionals in Philadelphia, Austin and Iowa.
 - We could take over Tunica's date of September 12. Evansville has a 4-day regional planned for the week prior, and it would not be good to infringe upon that if we can avoid. Atlanta regional is two weeks prior.
 - We could take the week of October 10. This is one month before the Louisville regional.
- My recommendation is to move our regional to the week of October 10.

- This allows us more time to prepare.
- This allows for the further easing of COVID restrictions so that more of our players can elect to participate.
- We have a sectional on the schedule that we have not discussed. It is the May 12-15 and would be the combined tournament with the ABA.
 - If we do elect to move the regional to later in the year, I recommend that we formally cancel the May 12 tournament and that we hold a downgraded sectional the week of July 4.
 - I am still leery that we can hold a full sectional with ACBL directors and make a profit.

Based on Pats recommendation we should abandon the July dates for a Regional and plan for the week of October 10th.

Motion to move July Regional to week of October 10th
 Motion approved

There is a sectional schedule for May 12th. This is typically held by the ABA. The ABA is not going to host this tournament. Pat proposes that we do not pursue this tournament and instead host a sectional the week of July 4th. Proposed we host this as a downgraded Sectional and use local directors. This is the most cost-effective approach at this time.

Motion to host July Sectional the week of July 4th
 Motion approved.

Format of future meetings:

Would like to have a face to face meeting next time. We can host zoom meeting in conjunction with face to face meeting.

We will attempt to host the next meeting face to face.

Motion to adjourn
 Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 5:50