

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
August 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Online via “Zoom”**

Date: August 17, 2021

Board Members:

Present: Bob Allard, Dot Blue, Bob Dietrick, Sheila Fleming, Charlynn Foust, Karen Kendrick, Kevin Clark, Clifford Kent, Pat Williams

Absent: Harry Allen, Richard Chalal, Ken McPeak

Others Present:

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 5:01

Administrative

Tournament Coordinator:

Tournament Committee met August 15th and came up with the following proposal to present to the Unit Board:

The committee proposes that we move forward with the October 14-17, 2021 sectional tournament. The conditions: downgraded sectional (means 70% of regular sectional silver points awarded); this does not require we retain acbl directors and that we use local directors. This saves money for director travel, salaries, and related expenses. Entry fees proposed \$10 per person. There would only be 2 games per day, 1 morning, long break for lunch, and 1 game in the afternoon.

Discussion: STaC week is coming up. This may be indicative of a good turnout (turnaround from recent activity) or show us that we can expect the trend to continue.

We should limit table counts to 35-40 (limited capacity) per game due to continuing COVID (Delta variant) concerns and sufficient table spacing. Other countries have already reached a peak in the variant sooner than anticipated and then experienced a sharp drop off. Considerations are this variant may still be around or we may be experiencing other variants.

We can cancel the tournament when we know more about the status of the COVID recommendations and guidelines from CDC. Cancelling later will not incur significant loss of funds. Tournament promotion at this time is limited to publishing flyers.

We can allow attendees that have already provided proof of vaccination to Vanderbilt Bridge Center to simply use their Vanderbilt access card for entry to the tournament. There are acbl COVID guidelines that we should adhere to. It would be appropriate to have a person in charge of virus protocols.

To keep people from driving a long distance and being turned away we need to consider taking reservations. Proposed that we put this information on the flyer.

Motion: go forward with Sectional
Motion approved.

New Business

Pat Williams

Nominating Committee:

We need to create Nominating Committee for 2022 Election. Current board members whose term is ending Dec 31, 2021: Charlynn Foust, Chris Clark (currently replaced by Kevin Clark), Bob Dietrick, Harry Allen.

Patrick assigned the following to the nominating committee: Dot Blue, Bob Allard, Sheila Fleming. There needs to be at least twice as many nominees on the ballot as the positions to be filled (at least 8 nominees, 2 must be "out of county") The results of the nominating committee need to be reported back to the board by October 1st. The nominees will need to provide a biography, just a small write up introducing themselves, to go on the ballot.

Membership Committee:

Pat Lynch declined the offer to serve on the committee. There needs to be a replacement nominated to the committee. This will be approved at the next board meeting.

Motion to adjourn
Meeting adjourned 5:31