

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
December 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Online via "Zoom"**

Date: December 21, 2023 Meeting

Board Members:

Present: Bob Allard, Larry Averbuch, Dot Blue, Michelle Coop, Bob Dietrick, Karen Kendrick, Suzanne Torrence, Pat Williams, Mickey Wilson.

Absent: David Cochener, Beth Derrick, Gale Srulevich (relocated)

Others Present:

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm

Administrative business

Minutes for board meetings were presented.

June 21, 2023

Motion to approve minutes.

Motion approved

Treasurers Report: Sue Atwood

Bank Balance \$34,941

Nominating Committee: Suzanne Torrence and Mickey Wilson

We have 5 open spots and 8 people willing to run (4 open seats and 1 vacated seat). Suzanne has the biographies and the photos.

Candidates:

In-County (Unrestricted)

Pat Williams

Karen Kendrick

Carol Schnaars

Randi Young

Mary Pepper

Out-of-County (Restricted)

Ann Gibson
Fred Stahlman

Discussion regarding vacated seat. Should we take the “next in line” on the open ballot or the “next up” in the last (2023) election? There is a 1-year time-period remaining to serve in the vacant position.

Motion to accept nominating committee candidates above for upcoming election.
Motion approved.

Motion to elect 4 candidates on open ballot (3 open seats and 1 vacated seat that was “in-county”)
Motion approved.

Target date to send out ballots 12/28/23.
Ending date 1/20/24.

Pat Williams – Tournament Coordinator

ACBL has changed funding formula for rebates of funds back to the Unit from member dues effective April 1st. We can get up to 15% of the funds back, which is higher than before, based on member retention. This is the “5/5/5” plan (3 steps), one of the steps involves contacting members.

Upcoming tournaments

Our parking issue has improved. One of our club members has ownership in nearby apartment complex. We will be able to use some of the available parking during the day when tenants are away (working).

Pat has prepared dates for all tournaments through 2026. We can get back into a normal planning mode and send these dates to the ACBL before Christmas if the board agrees to these dates.

Proposed dates:

Regional Sept 23-29, 2024

Sept 29-Oct 5, 2025

Oct 5- Oct 11, 2026

Sectional last week of June for next 3 years

Sectional Apr 3-6, 2024

Sectional Feb 26-March 1, 2025

Sectional March 25-28, 2026

Motion to approve these dates for submission to ACBL.
Motion approved

Tournament committee would also like to have non-life master Regional in conjunction with Sectional each year. Typically units that do not have open sectionals or did not have non-life master tournament in previous year get priority when getting approval for non-life master tournaments. We may not have priority in getting non-life master tournaments approved for our District.

Motion to adjourn

Motion Approved

Meeting adjourned 5:35 pm