

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
December 2018 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Vanderbilt Bridge Center (Christmas Event)**

Date: December 8, 2018

Board Members:

Present: Jim Bass, Peggy Burkhalter, Charlynn Foust, Barbara Moomy, Mike Reeslund, Pat Williams, Jim Wynalek

Absent: Walter Brostrom, Chris Clark, Anne Hitt, Sherry Howell, Linda Murdock
Sue Atwood (Treasurer), Coley McGinnis

Others Present:

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon

July 2018 minutes were reviewed. Minutes were approved

Pat Williams – NAOP/GNT Coordinator

Any player who is *qualified* at Club level can go to North American Pairs competition in Jackson. Those who do well in Jackson qualify for significant subsidies (\$300-700 per person) to compete in Memphis in the Nationals. C pairs are non-life master with less than 500 points as of June 1, 2018 (points reported as of May 6, 2018) B is up to 2500. A is 2500+. We will send an email blast to promote the event.

We can run the GNT Team game competitions from Sept 1 to end of March at the club level. Clubs allow teams to practice when they put on GNT games Then there is a unit final. It will be in early 2019. Then the district competition is held in Jackson right before Gatlinburg Regional. Board discussed the inconvenience of attending both. Pat indicates there are financial challenges to having the competition on-line because it is required they have an acbl Director.

Barbara indicates this district is large enough to split the semi-finals between 2 sections and then have winners of those get together and play; rather than everyone having to go to Jackson. Barbara will discuss with Pat and Jerry Burford (in charge of GNT at district level)

Unit championship games (use to be 12 per year). Now, 28 games available.
Objective: distribute them all across the units (not just VBC)

Jim Wynalek: Club Liaison Report

Report

1. Pot hole(s) discussion (no repair at this time, not our responsibility). Jay Hitt wants the Condo association to repair the potholes
2. Fire lane/no parking issues: Fence next door was put up by business next door without a permit. Fire department contends they can't fight a fire with cars in the way. The fence would be no problem if there was a fire. Cars parked along the fence are a problem. Reminder, fence is there without a permit. No parking signs were put up without a permit.
3. Electrical issues were resolved and fans added to Buchanan room

Alison Gembar: Tournament Coordinator Report

Discussed upcoming Regional

Members are encouraged to take flyers to tournaments, especially large tournaments.

Ideas to promote:

- We need to call club managers at other clubs (Cincinnati, Chattanooga, etc) send flyers and encourage them to promote.
- We need to mail flyers to clubs inside and outside of our unit.
- Call acbl and get President(s) of other Units and send the Unit Presidents flyers.
- We can put up banners within our District. Barbara will call and see if we can put a banner in District 7 (Gatlinburg)
- Buttons

Finding tournament chairs is a problem. We do not reward our tournament chairs.

Would be nice to give them a gift certificate, let them play free at the tournament, honor them.

Board members will help recruit future tournament chairs. Perhaps the top 20 players who attend/play the most is a good start.

Sue Atwood: Treasurers Report - Absent

New Business:

Barbara Moomy will discuss rewriting the by-laws when our new board members are here in January.

New Board Members: Harry Allen, Bob Dietrich, Chris Clark (re-elected)
Charlynn Foust (re-elected).

Thanks to outgoing member Jim Bass and Walter Brostrom for their service.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion Approved.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 pm