

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Online via "Zoom"**

Date: February 17, 2022

Board Members:

Present: Bob Allard, Dot Blue, Richard Chalal, David Cochener, Bob Dietrick, Karen Kendrick, Clifford Kent, Ken McPeak, Gale Srulevich, Pat Williams, Mickey Wilson

Absent: Sheila Fleming

Others Present:

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 4:57

Administrative

Motion to approve September 21, 2021 minutes

Motion to approve

Motion approved

Motion to approve December 21, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve

Motion approved

Election of Officers:

Unit 179 President:

Nominations Pat Williams and Bob Allard.

Board members voted; Pat Williams elected as 2022 Unit President.

Unit 179 Vice President

Karen Kendrick nominated. Board Members voted

Karen elected 2022 Vice President

Sue Atwood

As of February 11 we have \$29,128.44 in the bank.

QUIP Report

We have fallen below 900 members (890). Member retention, year 2, middle of district 10 average, but better than acbl average. Developing new members has been affected by not having F2F bridge, onset since pandemic began.

NAP/GNT – Pat Williams

NAP did not require Unit level qualification; anyone who qualified online or in-person was eligible to play in the District Championship (January 15th and January 22nd). Our Unit had 1 pair qualify in C flight, 2 pairs qualify in B flight, 2 pairs qualify in A flight. They are eligible to compete in the NAP competition in Reno in March. 4 pairs plan on attending to represent our Unit

GNT will also be conducted on-line. More information coming on that later.

VBC Liaison – Bob Dietrick

There are games being added to the weekly schedule; however the attendance has not been great. Barbara Seagram has offered to host a free seminar in April. All proceeds will go to Vanderbilt Bridge Club.

Membership Committee -Karen Kendrick

(Karen was disconnected from this meeting and unable to return).

Gale is making 2 calls/day to get members back (those whose membership has lapsed).

WebMaster -

Charlynn Foust has agreed to continue to maintain the website.

Tournament Coordinator –

Pat has someone in mind for this position. Board members are encouraged to offer suggestions. Pat plans to bring a recommendation for this position to next board meeting.

Unit Secretary – Alison is still willing to be Unit Secretary. The monthly honorarium is \$150.00

Motion to approve Alison and the honorarium

Motion approved

Treasurer – Sue Atwood is still willing to serve as Unit Treasurer.

Motion to approve Sue as Unit Treasurer

Motion approved

Embassy Suites Tournament Cancellation – July 2022

We have been in negotiations with them. They only got back with us 6 weeks after our initial offer to settle. Our reading of the amended contract and the basis upon which we entered our decision to cancel the contract was based upon the condition that we would settle for 50% of the stated maximum penalty \$43,212. This would be a settlement of \$21,606, because we did give notice prior to 6 months of the event date. (cancellation less than 6 months – 90 days we only get a 25% reduction. Less than 90 days would

be a 0% reduction). We are prepared to pay that amount. Our intent is to offer this settlement of cancellation in the amount of \$21,606.

Ad-hoc committee of Pat Williams, Mickey Wilson and Clifford Kent will determine what needs to be included in offer to settle with Embassy Suites. They will follow up at the next board meeting,

New Business

Bob Allard

After working with nominating committee, there are concerns about the system and the way we nominate people. There is a level of rejection that might can be prevented. Also, our system makes it difficult to get specific professionals on the board because just because they are on the ballot they may not get elected. Pat will discuss with Bob and set up a committee to consider and discuss solutions.

Next board meeting. Monday, February 28th is proposed. Pat will send out potential times. When Pat has news on the Embassy Suites settlement he will set the next board meeting.

Motion to adjourn

Motion approved

Meeting adjourned 5:17 pm