

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
January 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Online via "Zoom"**

Date: January 23, 2023 Meeting

Board Members:

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

Absent: Sheila Fleming, Ken McPeak, Mickey Wilson

Others Present:

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm

Treasurer report: Sue Atwood

Financial Statements presented.

Discussed funds that have been remitted for duplimates.

Request for financial statements to be reissued once relabeled correctly.

Karen Kendrick – Membership Committee

50 people taking beginner classes now.

No need to consider LBIAD at this time, until this cycle of classes is completed.

Main focus now is to set up a mentor/mentee program.

Discussion to initiate more 0-50 beginner/novice games. That can be discussed at the end of this 8-week cycle of beginners' classes.

Perhaps we should run another series of emails to recruit more beginners at the end of this session.

Pat Williams – Tournament Coordinator

David Birnbaum is willing to help us direct upcoming tournament for a cost savings.

ACBL has done away with downgraded sectionals, replacing them with "local" sectionals to be run by tournament assistant. David can run all the games and serve as tournament assistant. The tournament cannot be longer than 3 days and can only have 2 events/session. ACBL director would be available for questions and also be

responsible for processing game files while the tournament is going on. This should correct the problem of delay in getting tournament results finalized.

Budget discussion:

Based on 108 table projection

“Regular” sectional with David working alongside ACBL director, entry fee of \$13 needed to breakeven.

“Local” sectional, David working alone, entry fee \$10, our profit would be approximately \$900.

Costs are much lower with this type “local” sectional. Only 2 sessions per day allowed with “local” sectional.

For every \$1 we change the entry fee, we estimate that will add \$400 to bottom line. Further discussion ensued.

Motion to charge \$12 per person for entry fee for this tournament.

Motion approved.

Discussion regarding which 3 days to host tournament. Saturday would probably accommodate most people and allows people who may not have an opportunity to play during the week to make it to the tournament. Suggestion that we include the preference of attendees in the tournament follow-up questionnaire to determine future tournament dates.

Motion to host tournament on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2023.

Motion Approved.

Next board meeting will be Friday, 3/3/23, immediately following the 2:30 afternoon tournament game. Meeting will be held in-person with zoom access provided.

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 5:10pm