

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
July 2018 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Vanderbilt Bridge Center (NLM Regional)**

Date: July 7, 2018

Board Members:

Present: Peggy Burkhalter, Walter Brostrom, Charlynn Foust, Anne Hitt, Sherry Howell, Barbara Moomy, Mike Reeslund, Pat Williams, Jim Wynalek

Absent: Jim Bass, Chris Clark, Linda Murdock

Others Present:

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Tournament Coordinator: Coley McGinnis

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

February 2018 minutes were reviewed. Minutes were approved

Coley McGinnis: Tournament Coordinator Report

This July 2018 Non-Life Master Regional has a better turnout than we anticipated.

Another Non-Life Master Regional has been sanctioned for 2020.

Our July "Regional" 2021 has been contracted with Embassy Suites (as is July 2019) and the room rates will not change. 2021 Tournament will start on a Monday, July 5th (July 4th is a Sunday).

July 2019 Regional schedule is in process. We are waiting to see the effect of starting and ending KOs on the Holiday (July 4th). Washington, DC is completing a Holiday Regional this week and we will review their table counts. We have also requested a masterpoint count from our 2017 Regional by game from acbl. This will allow us to see the masterpoints of players and the games they played in, in order to strategically schedule games based on those numbers.

Tournament Scheduling Committee will meet in a couple of weeks when we have this information available. We will then prepare the July 2019 schedule for acbl approval. Discussion about why our tournament held during July 4th Holiday week, or in July at all. This is required because of surrounding areas and various tournaments that are already

on the calendar. Also, local hotel availability and rates have determined favorable tournament times.

Discussion ensued about future tournaments falling on Mothers' Day Weekend (there are none on the calendar at this time).

Discussion to reconsider ABA receiving 1/3 of May tournament profits since it is not a growing group. No decision was made to change the payment to ABA group.

Sue Atwood: Treasurers Report

Presented February and May table counts and financial reports.

Discussion regarding bonding of Treasurer. Sherry Howell will call insurance company to determine cost. Short discussion of Errors and Omissions insurance. Nothing decided at this time.

Treasury report accepted and approved.

Jim Wynalek: Club Liaison Report

Report on last Club (VBC) Board Meeting.

1. Budget established for volunteers organizing club to buy supplies (~\$1000)
2. Pot hole(s) discussion (no repair at this time, not our responsibility). May fill the holes though; temporary repair.
3. Players should not bring dogs (or pets) to the club without being able to provide a note from a Doctor.

Unit board discussion requested Jim to inquire with VBC board regarding adding fans and lighting in the Buchanan room.

Current Business:

Longest Day Contribution

This is the 6th year of The Longest Day – ACBL has designated this fundraiser as their #1 charitable cause. Each year the Unit has donated \$10 per table (VBC in the first 3 years and now for some additional clubs in the Unit; Tuesday Franklin game, Friday Franklin game, and VBC game, only for specified day. There are 23 clubs in our unit.

Nominating Committee:

Pat Williams will pick the nominating committee and begin the nomination process for the 2019 Board Members to be elected. Ballots will be issued at the October Sectional. Results will be counted by the 1st of December.

Outgoing Board Members: Chris Clark, Jim Bass, Walter Brostrom.

Volunteer of The Year:

New this year. ACBL is pushing this recognition.

Motion to approve the presentation of a plaque(s) recognizing Volunteer(s) of the Year.
Motion approved.

Discussion ensued to provide monetary awards for Volunteers of the Year (gift cards, cash). After lengthy discussion motion was set forward to approve \$200 gift for Volunteers.

Motion denied. Discussion tabled for future meetings.

Software:

Board Secretary has requested software for preparing flyers and acbl notices, etc. Publisher software needed to create colorful flyers, images, flyer and brochure formats. Microsoft Publisher Cost \$139.00 Motion to approve software.
Motion approved.

Bridge Mates:

Hendersonville Bridge Club is requesting Unit 179 to purchase bridge mates for their club on behalf of Charlynn Foust. Cost: \$2064. Motion presented and motion approved.

Gift for Peggy Harbers:

Peggy Harbers delivered her personal bridge mates for our use during this NLM Regional. Peggy had family in town for company and dropped what she was doing to bring them. Motion to purchase a \$50 restaurant gift card for Peggy.
Motion approved.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion Approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:15 pm