

ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
July 2017 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Sheraton Music City/ Nashville, TN

Date: July 8, 2017

Board Members:

Present: Jim Bass, David Birnbaum, Tommy Boze, Peggy Burkhalter, Walter Brostrom, Chris Clark, Charlynn Foust, Anne Hitt, Betsy Keeling, Barbara Moomy, Linda Murdock, Dianne Sussman

Absent: Pat Williams

Others Present:

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Tournament Coordinator: Coley McGinnis

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

May 2017 minutes were reviewed and adjusted. Minutes were approved

Sue Atwood: Treasurers Report

- Presented 2017 tournament financial reports and table count information.

Current Business:

Regional Tournament:

Discussions regarding current Regional. Few complaints (mainly maintenance issues) Many visitors have complimented the location and Hotel. Many locals like the venue as well. Group would like to consider Sheraton Music City as a future host hotel again. We need to consider raising fees. Budgeting and communication were a problem for this tournament. Overall consensus; this tournament is a success and would like to pursue Sheraton Music City as 2019 Host Hotel. Tournament results, table counts, etc are not available as of this meeting.

QUIP Report:

Our Unit size continues to grow. We are 2nd in our District for New Member Gains. Age is still a factor. Average age for our Unit is 70.78.

Tournament Coordinator Report – Coley McGinnis

Discussed proposal to obtain a Regional for 2020. Biloxi is vacating their Regional and we can submit a bid to host a Regional.

Move to not pursue bid for 2020 Regional.
Motion approved.

Regional Scheduling

Discussion regarding tournament scheduling. There needs to be a committee to determine schedules for Regionals. We need a staff of 4-5 working on the 2019 Regional Schedule. Committee needs to work on the schedule and deliver to the Unit Board for consideration by Spring Sectional 2018 (May 2018).

The following volunteered to serve on the Tournament Scheduling Committee: Walter Brostrom, Peggy Burkhalter, Charlynn Foust, Barbara Moomy. Also discussed the need for some Non-Life Masters to serve on the committee.

Old Business:

Charlynn Foust: Unit 179 Website report

The website is nearly ready to go. However, Charlynn is still waiting for information and approval from David Birnbaum. David provided his approval today and gave Charlynn the go-ahead. Charlynn still need the information for the clubs in the unit and a list of the contact persons. Some clubs do not wish to participate or have their information provided on the website. Charlynn has worked tirelessly on the website and the board appreciates all of her efforts. The website address is <http://www.acblunit179bridge.org>

New Business:

Goodwill Committee:

Barbara Moomy introduced her concern about the process of nominating recipients to the Unit 179 Goodwill Committee. The President has accepted nominations in the past and has nominated candidates to the "Goodwill Committee". Discussion ensued as to how this has been handled and suggestions on how to handle the process in the future. Barbara Moomy volunteered to become the Goodwill Committee Chair and determine a process on how to nominate and elect future honorees to the Goodwill Committee.

Nominating Committee:

We need to begin our search for the 2018 nominees for the Unit Board. Slate of Directors is to be furnished to Board of Directors before October 1st. Anne Hitt has agreed to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Membership Committee:

David Birnbaum explained the need for a Membership Chair. The Membership Chair will call delinquent members and inactive members. Many of these people may return to the game if they get a call of encouragement. We also need to be reaching out to those who may have a concern about something we know nothing about. This is necessary to grow and retain our membership. Linda Murdock has agreed to be the Membership Chair. Unit Secretary (Alison) will begin including Linda in the monthly membership reports.

Barbara Moomy – Special Request:

Hendersonville requests the use of 12 card tables for weekly games. Can be returned as needed for tournaments.

Motion to provide card tables. Motion approved.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion Approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm