

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting  
March 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes  
Online via “Zoom”**

**Date:** March 27, 2021

**Board Members:**

*Present:* Bob Allard, Dot Blue, Richard Chalal, Bob Dietrich, Sheila Fleming, Charlynn Foust, Karen Kendrick, Clifford Kent, Ken McPeak, Pat Williams

*Absent:* Harry Allen, Chris Clark, Sue Atwood

*Others Present:*

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Treasurer: Sue Atwood (absent)

**Proceedings:**

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm

Minutes presented for the following meetings: March 14, 2020, November 15, 2020, December 6, 2020, December 8, 2020, December 30, 2020

*March 14<sup>th</sup> minutes list assignments for new Marketing Committee. 2 members of that committee no longer reside in Central Tennessee. 2 members need to be assigned to that committee*

Motion to approve

Minutes were approved

**Administrative**

**New Board Members**

Welcome to new Board Members:

Bob Allard

Dot Blue

Karen Kendrick

Re-elected – Pat Williams

**Election of Officers**

Nomination for Pat Williams to serve as President

Motion to approve

Nomination of Pat Williams for Unit 179 President 2021 approved

Nomination for Karen Kendrick to serve as Vice President

Motion to approve

Nomination of Karen Kendrick for Unit 179 Vice President for 2021 approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Sue Atwood is absent. She will send financial statements to the board via email next week.

### **New Business**

#### **Pat Williams**

Board member Chris Clark has resigned from the board. She has only one year left to serve. Board decided to offer this position to the next person "in line" from the 2021 election. Kevin Clark is next person in line.

Motion to nominate Kevin Clark (based on his acceptance) to replace Chris Clark.

Motion approved.

#### **Bob Dietrich**

Assisting Unit clubs in re-opening

VBC has surveyed the club members to consider what conditions would be required to re-open the club. These results are not published as of now but there are various degrees of interest. Vanderbilt is large enough that they will be able to deal with the various stages of return to in-person play. Smaller clubs are in a unique position that the facilities they play in are governed by the business who owns the building.

ACBL has cancelled tournaments through July 2021.

Some local clubs have reopened (Richland, Monthly). Oak Ridge and Knoxville have reopened to a limited number of games per week.

Vanderbilt has established a committee to study the possibility and timing of reopening.

There will continue to be online bridge when we return to face-to-face bridge. There will probably be a combination of both at a club game when we return to face-to-face bridge, although it may be some time before that is implemented.

Pat requested volunteer to reach out to club managers in the Unit (sans Vanderbilt) to see if we can support them in some way. The 179 Membership Development Committee will handle this as it is in the scope of the committee. Richard Chalal is chairman of this committee. Richard will discuss with Patty Taylor and/or Tony Greene at acbl for guidance. We need to begin dialogue with club managers to gather their concerns or suggestions to bring to the committee.

**Sheila Fleming, New Life Master Coordinator**

Goodwill, Volunteer of the Year; nominations will be requested for the past year.  
New Life Master event will be celebrated at October Sectional  
Certificates for 2020 Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs need to be mailed out.

**NAP/GNT Coordinator - Pat Williams**

**VBC Club Liaison**

Bob Dietrich was assigned as 2021 VBC Liaison

**Additional Administrative Business**

Unit Secretary

Motion to nominate Alison Gembar as Unit Secretary and receive \$150 monthly stipend.  
Motion approved.

Treasurer

Motion to reappoint Sue Atwood as Treasurer  
Motion approved.

**QUIP Report**

Unit 179 is 1<sup>st</sup> within District for active membership trend AND new member gains  
New Member Retention 5<sup>th</sup> within District and 77<sup>th</sup> within ACBL

**Alison Gembar – Tournament Coordinator**

Communication to Unit members. We need to send updates to Unit members about our Embassy Suites resolution and Regional dates, etc. We need a communication engine to email members. The past software we have used is now too expensive per email sent. We have the opportunity to “piggy back” with VBC to use “Constant Contact” and share in the expense. We will have more flexibility on communication and can create multiple email lists. The cost should be ~\$30 per month. Members of Unit 179 outside of VBC list would have to be incorporated into the Constant Contact list.

Motion to coordinate use of communication software with VBC via Constant Contact at a cost not to exceed \$30/month.

Motion approved.

**Date of next board meeting**

Set for end of May unless something comes up before then.

Motion to adjourn  
Meeting adjourned 5:06