

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
March 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Online via “Zoom”**

Date: March 3, 2023 Meeting

Board Members:

Present: Bob Allard, Larry Averbuch, Dot Blue, Michelle Coop, Beth Derrick, Bob Dietrick, Karen Kendrick, Gale Srulevich, Suzanne Torrence, Pat Williams, Mickey Wilson.

Absent: David Cochener

Others Present:

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm

Administrative business

Pat Williams – Nominated President

Karen Kendrick – Nominated Vice President

Tournaments

The Sectional so far has been successful. Power went out during today’s game. Per David Birnbaum about ½ of today’s participants claimed a refund.

Caddies and Director still need to be paid for their service today.

Tournament has been averaging 31 tables/day; this is a 60% increase over the Sectional we had last year. We had good attendance from people coming from outlying areas. There were several attendees we have not seen since before the pandemic started.

The increased attendance causes a bit of concern for hosting a Regional at VBC. The Regional averaged 43 tables/session. We can squeeze 65 tables into VBC.

However, we need to have a contingency plan in place in order to accommodate overflow. The more things grow, the less ability we have to host the tournament at VBC. There are no other regionals scheduled in our District beyond this year. There may be an opportunity for us to have a Regional every year.

Minutes for board meetings were presented
November 22, 2022
January 23, 2023

Motion to approve minutes.
Motion approved

Unit Secretary – Alison Gembar 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

Pat Williams – President 2023 Committees

Membership committee:

Chair: Karen Kendrick

Committee members: Michelle Coop, Gale Srulevich, Janet Carmichael, Peggy Crawford, Tom Cox.

Tournament Committee:

Chair: Patrick Williams

Committee Members: Suzanne Torrence, Rebecca Lowen, Beth Derrick, Barb Daugherty

Vanderbilt Liaison – Bob Dietrick

Voting delegate – District 10 Board – Dot Blue

Grand National Teams/North American Pairs Coordinator – Patrick Williams

Webmaster – Jim Daugherty

Finance Committee

Chair: Mickey Wilson

Committee Members: Sue Atwood, Larry Averbuch

Tournament Review

Friday of the tournament (March 3rd) the power went out and some players have been refunded. Discussion ensued regarding the VBC table fee that the Unit pays the club.

Board members decided to pay VBC 50% of the funds remaining for Friday game AFTER VBC was paid their regular per table fee for the morning game.

Motion: Pay club the “usual” per table fee for Friday morning game. With remaining funds, pay directors and related expenses. SPLIT the remaining funds 50/50 with Unit 179/VBC (approx. \$250)

Motion approved.

Email blasts to Unit Members

We now have “Pianola” available to email Unit 179 members (provided by District 10). Several years ago there was a significant charge per email to use Pianola. We have used “Constant Contact” provided by VBC for the last few years. “Constant Contact” reaches many members who have “opted” out of acbl’s email. When the board voted to use VBC’s system we approved the need to pay \$10-15/month if needed. We do have a past due balance with VBC and will pay as they request.

Website

Changes have been made to Unit 179 website host.

Motion to approve changes.

Motion approved.

Upcoming Tournaments

Regional – 1st week of October

Pat is going to send members of the tournament committee proposed schedules.

We have no more sectionals scheduled this year.

We may need to utilize the system used by other clubs for making “reservations”. Suzanne Torrence is looking into this. We have likely reached capacity at VBC for future tournaments.

Pat would like to have a Sectional Tournament this Summer. Pat will check with David Birnbaum to be sure he is still interested in directing.

No one in our District has a Regional scheduled in the next 10 years but us. We have an opportunity to go from every other year rotation to every year. We have one scheduled for October this year. Pat suggests that we change the yearly Regional to March; after the upcoming October Regional.

Mickey has offered to get contact information for an alternate location. We discussed alternate locations at our last meeting and will continue to consider that option.

COVID

ACBL will no longer require tournaments that they staff (regionals/sectionals) to abide by acbl vaccination policies. This will now be up to the local organizers that host the tournament; in this case Unit 179. We need to have our policy included in our advertising. We need to determine what our policy will be and include that on our flyers, emails, etc.

Before we determine our policy, we would like for Bob Dietrick to take this issue to the Vanderbilt Bridge Club Board to determine what their policy will be for hosting tournaments. Once we get their position then we can discuss what our policy will be for hosting acbl tournaments.

Motion:

Bob Dietrick to request VBC board review ACBL recent policy change regarding COVID vaccinations and determine if there will be a VBC policy change.

Motion approved (Beth Derrick will notify Bob Dietrick)

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:50pm

