

ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
May 2016 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Vanderbilt Bridge Club/ Nashville, TN

Date: May 14, 2016

Board Members:

Present: David Birnbaum, Coley McGinnis, Tommy Boze, Robert Erwin, Jr., Anne Hitt, Betsy Keeling, Charlynn Foust, Jim Bass, Walter Brostrom, Pat Williams

Absent: Tom Cox, Chris Clark, Dianne Sussman

Others Present:

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Special Guest: Joy O'Dell, Maureen Wynalek

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

February 2016 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Sue Atwood: Treasurers Report

- Presented February 2016 tournament financial reports and table count information.
- February 2016 was the highest turnout ever in current building.
- Presented comparison reports for October 2014 & October 2015.
- Presented new report "Table Expenses".
- Discussed success of February tournament vs past tournaments.

Pat Williams: Regional July 2017 status report

- We have signed a contract with Music City Sheraton. It will be new & remodeled before our tournament next year.
- Contract has been signed and accepted.
- \$129 room rate with 480 room-nights. We can "buy" that down some. History of regionals is over 600 room-nights. Even with higher room rate, we should have no problem with 480. Comparison shopping: Jackson \$119 rate, Hot Springs \$119 rate, Jonesboro, AR, \$109 rate.
- We have a \$10,000 food & beverage commitment. If we wish to make part of our hospitality coupons we give out, they will go toward our \$10,000 commitment when redeemed.
- Once the schedule and budget is approved, ACBL needs to sign off that we meet all regulations.

- We should be ready to begin advertising by the end of June.
- New Board Members, going forward we need to think about future coordinators for these events in a few years.

Coley McGinnis & Walter Brostrom: October Sectional

Revised tournament schedule was presented. Based on previous meetings we have presented a new schedule. Having enough directors for more games is an issue. We need to have enough directors in each room if we want to add games. Directors can only work 2 sessions/day. Each session requires at least 3 people. Exhibit 3 schedule was approved. There is only 1 knockout event, adds a novice game, but does not require an additional employee (tournament assistant). Sectional price is now \$11.

Coley McGinnis, Jim Bass, Tommy Boze: Tournament Playbook Committee

- Committee completed compilation & review of Tournament manual.
- Tournament Chairmen will use the manual to administer tournament responsibilities.
- Secretary will generate tournament flyer based on information provided by tournament chair.
- Secretary will administer the e-mail blast to clubs within 250 miles.

Coley McGinnis: Tournament Coordinator

District may redo the regional schedule a year or so before they were going to. (Although Regionals are set through 2020) Biloxi, MS has given up their Regional for 2018. Mobile is having problems too. Committee is going to address this problem at their next meeting. Do we want to consider having a Regional every year? We need to think about this before the next meeting in Tunica. David will be following up to get your opinions soon (before Tunica).

Anne Hitt: Card Table Report.

Not interested in “splindle-y” leg tables. H-frame table legs are better. H-frame is quicker to disassemble.

Uniform cavity size is ideal

We have no price yet.

Tommy Boze: There are some \$31.00 tables from Cosco in Gallatin

Tommy Boze, David Birnbaum will check on prices of their wholesaler.

Betsy Keeling: Liason for Vanderbilt Bridge Center Board Meeting

Capital campaign. Member has made \$10,000 donation for comfortable chairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

2ND Mile Campaign:

VBC is doing 2nd mile campaign. 1st campaign Unit 179 donated \$50,000. They are coming to us for a donation for the 2nd mile campaign. Motion to discuss contribution for VBC.

Charlynn: Suggested we get people outside of the area involved. We give people outside of this area a place to come play. We need to find a way to get them more involved in VBC. If we could put a schedule up on the bulletin board of the games outside of this building that would be great. Can we put this information on the VBC website?

We are looking to give 40% of our cash to the campaign (\$20,000). How can we encourage those outside of this area to give? Agreed they will all be invited to the Capital Campaign Fundraiser.

Move to donate \$20,000 in two \$10,000 annual donations.

Motion to give \$20,000.00 approved.

David Birnbaum: Alzheimers' Longest Day

ACBL partners with Alzheimers' Organization to have fundraisers on the Longest Day Event each year. VBC is the only club that has approached us for matching donations. This year is a Monday game. There are other clubs in the Unit that have games on Monday. ACBL has a special function to allow you to add games for this event only on the Longest Day. Games should be played on the day of the fundraiser.

Motion to donate \$10.00 per table for Longest Day Event Game(s) in our Unit.

Motion approved.

David Birnbaum: Special Regional

Russ Jones says ACBL allows 3 "odd" (non-conforming) regionals per district each year. These can be NLM Regional, up to 750 Regional, Junior Regional, Senior Regional, any restricted-type Regional. This Unit could apply for 2018 NLM Regional in conjunction with a Sectional Tournament.

Coley: We have only 3 (Open) Sectionals per year and a NLM Sectional too. If we elevate the NLM Sectional to a NLM Regional and host a regular Sectional with it, we will now have 4 Sectionals per year.

In the last few days Charlie has already changed our 2018 Sectional to a Regional. We can have a regular Sectional along with it, but we will need to get that changed. It is hosted at VBC, not off-site.

Motion to add Sectional in conjunction with NLM Regional in July 2018.

Motion approved.

Type of Sectional Tournament (2018) and schedule can be discussed at next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion Approved.