

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting**  
**May 2017 Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**Vanderbilt Bridge Club/ Nashville, TN**

**Date:** May 27, 2017

**Board Members:**

*Present:* Jim Bass, David Birnbaum, Peggy Burkhalter, Walter Brostrom, Betsy Keeling, Linda Murdock

*Absent:* Tommy Boze, Chris Clark, Charlynn Foust, Anne Hitt, Barbara Moomy, Dianne Sussman

*Others Present:*

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Tournament Coordinator: Coley McGinnis

Regional Chairperson: Pat Williams

**Proceedings:**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

February 2017 minutes were reviewed and adjusted. Minutes were approved

**Sue Atwood: Treasurers Report**

- Presented February 2017 tournament financial reports and table count information.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Coley McGinnis – October Regional**

- Flyer handed out. Knockouts have been eliminated.
- All afternoon games are now Stratiflighted. This is our biggest game(s). All people with 2500 or less masterpoints will be playing each other. All people over 2500 are in the A/X bracket. We hope to keep this schedule for the next few tournaments. We have met with other tournament coordinators and met among ourselves and this is the proposed schedule we have decided upon.
- We need chairpersons for the February tournament.

## **Pat Williams: Regional July 2017 status report**

- Pat is forming a Steering Committee, they will meet on Monday. This will help with our final decisions.
- Chits (\$1 and \$5 amounts) will be handed out as incentive for attendees to spend money at the hotel to meet our \$10,000 commitment.
- Evening break we will be providing music for those who attend buffet dinner.
- We do not have an agreement for 2019 at this time.
- 600 room nights booked. Requirement is 540. Cutoff is Friday. We received 7 upgrades to suites free of charge. Considering selling these upgrades for \$50/night. This could generate \$2100 extra revenue.
- Alison Gembar is the Hospitality Chair.
- Partnership Chair is Betsi Tunnell
- Registration Chair is Sandy Gregory.
- Clifford Kent is in charge of logistics (tables, bidding boxes, etc)
- 299er party is planned for Thursday evening (July 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Appears more people are coming in after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Ruth Raines is in charge of prizes
- Pens and pins are giveaways at registration, with a \$5 chit.
- Concessions for the tournament are open from 8:45- 3:30 (at least)
- Carpooling is encouraged from surrounding counties. Organized transportation would be expensive.
- We need to send another email blast to all contiguous districts.

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

#### **David Birnbaum – Credit Card Machines**

In the future we will discuss the cost/benefit of acquiring credit card machines for use in tournaments. District 7 uses a system which allows their units to process payments with credit cards. The Gatlinburg survey had an 85% approval rating.

Benefits include:

- not having to haul large amounts of money around (players and bridge staff)
- Consumers like it.
- We could potentially share it with local clubs.

We can consider whether we want to do it as a Unit (4 tournaments/year) or District 10.

If we decide District 10, then David will take it District meeting in Tunica.

Alison will research the cost and report back at the October meeting.

#### **Youth Scholarships for Bridge Camp**

5 club members have already committed funds for youth scholarships. We are in need of \$310 for one more to go. Betsy Keeling offered to pay the final scholarship.

**Goodwill Committee and New Life Master Event.**

June 24 is the date for the New Life Master Party.

Unit 179 has a Goodwill committee. Goodwill inductees are appointed by the President of the Unit. If anyone has nominations please let David Birnbaum know. They are honored at the New Life Master event each June.

(Goodwill additions do not need to be done every year. It should only be done when people earn it, not just to do it). Once you are appointed to the committee, you are always on it. All Goodwill members are invited and get to play for free.

This event will be held every June from now on. It needs to be a big deal.

Board members are strongly encouraged to attend this event. Even if you have plans that evening, please come by and pay a visit. It is important that the boards shows up, it makes it a bigger event. This is the one party a year the Unit gives.

**LONGEST DAY – ALZHEIMERS EVENT.**

“The Longest Day” event is coming up June 21<sup>st</sup>. Unit 179, in the past 2 years, has supplemented the donations made by any club, based on per table count. We donate \$10 per table that any club in our unit has play that day.

Motion to continue to supplement \$10 donation per table for that day.

Motion approved.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion Approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm