

**ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
November 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Online via "Zoom"**

Date: November 22, 2022

Board Members:

Present: Bob Allard, Dot Blue, Richard Chalal, David Cochener, Bob Dietrick, Sheila Fleming, Karen Kendrick, Clifford Kent, Ken McPeak, Gale Srulevich, Pat Williams, Mickey Wilson

Absent: Sue Atwood (Treasurer)

Others Present:

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 3:33

Administrative

Motion to approve February 17, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion approved

Motion to approve April 13, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion approved

Treasurer report: Sue Atwood (absent)

Pat Williams presented financials.

Suggestion from board members that more detail is needed.

We currently have approximately \$14,000 in available funds.

VBC Liaison: Bob Dietrick

Christmas party is coming up. Everyone is invited.

Inquiry as to when VBC Board meetings take place. There is not a regular schedule for VBC Board meetings. Anyone can attend.

Membership Committee: Karen Kendrick

Last discussion we were going to start up a mentor/mentee game and consider hosting LBIAD. License needs to be bought for LBIAD. Typically, Vanderbilt Bridge Center purchases the license, but that has not happened. Karen may purchase the license

herself if we want to move forward. Janet Carmichael has received a very positive response from recruiting people wanting to learn bridge on the “NextDoor” App.

QUIP Report

Membership is down. Part of our mission is to pass the game that we enjoy on to others; teaching others and introducing them to the game.

We are up from 3 years ago but down 6% down from last year.

New member retention is slightly better than ACBL (members joined and renewed).

Our Unit average age is a bit younger than District 10 and ACBL.

We need to be more proactive as a community in recruiting and teaching new members. And once we get them to have programs that are enjoyable enough that they want to continue on.

GNT/NAP – Coordinator Report –Pat Williams

NAP

Flight B will be held in Memphis in January

Flight C and A will be held in Jackson, MS at the end of January 2023.

District 10 website is suppose to have this information. Pat has not been able to find this information on the website for the current year so he will follow up on this.

Board Election – Nominating Committee (Chairperson Karen Kendrick)

Nominating Committee: Karen Kendrick, Jon Young, Mickey Wilson, Anne Hitt, Mary Margaret Hamlett.

Motion to approve committee.

Motion approved.

Nominees:

Richard Chalal, Sheila Fleming, Clifford Kent, Ken McPeak are coming off of the board and have declined to run again.

We have 6 candidates in-county (restricted) and 2 out-of-county (non-restricted) that have agreed to run for the Unit 179 BOD: In county – Peggy Crawford, Alyce Daws, Suzanne Torrence, Beth Derrick, Larry Averbuch, Phillip Vest.

Out of County – Michelle Coop and Dick Hooker.

Motion to approve nominees

Motion approved.

Proposed election timeline:

Nov 22nd: accept nominees.

Dec 10th, deadline for additional nominations and nominations by signature.

Open voting by December 15th. Main option is electronic voting; should be quick

Complete voting by December 31st.

Motion to accept this timeline

Motion approved

Tournaments:

Regarding July Sectional and October Regional tournaments that we had this year (2022); we made money on both tournaments. However the minimum revenue that was required by the food truck vendors was not met. Thus we exceeded the hospitality budget.

Our attendance was 48% of 2019 attendance. This is consistent with other tournaments.

We discussed how we could make future tournaments run better and smoother. **Pat has requested you make suggestions in writing and get those to him. Good, bad, constructive; any and all comments and suggestions you have need to be communicated in writing please.**

Proposed future tournaments:

Winter Sectional: February 28 – March 4th

Intermediate Novice (Non-Life Master) Sectional: May 3 – 6th

Sectional in the Summer

Motion to approve tournament schedule

Motion approved

Bridgmates:

Charlyn Foust has sent payment for her bridgmates that were originally paid for by Unit 179.

David Birnbaum has offered to donate his bridgmates as he will not continue to run Franklin game.

Peggy Harbors has offered her bridgmates to be used as needed.

These bridgmates can be used for other clubs or for tournaments.

Table fees:

Our Unit 179 tournaments pay \$10.75/table fee to Vanderbilt Bridge Center in exchange for use of their facilities and the fact that they cannot host games as we use the venue for the tournament. There has been discussion over the years about this situation. Patrick is suggesting we get Charlynn Foust, Mary Margaret and any other club managers interested together to discuss the logistics. Board agrees that Tournament Committee needs to make this happen. Patrick will get it on the calendar.

Town Hall – Larry Sealy

Bob Dietrick and Gale Srulevich attended the meeting

Items discussed:

COVID

Cheating on BBO

Points honored on BBO v F2F

Large % of ACBL profitability is coming from BBO

Newsletter

There will be a Quarterly District Newsletter starting up. Charles Duran will be generating the newsletter. We need someone to provide information on behalf of Unit 179. Please think about someone that would be good for that position. Please ask them and/or forward their information to Patrick.

Other Business

There has not been Goodwill members appointed since 2018. Patrick is requesting nominations for the Goodwill members if you have any. Also, Volunteer of the Year appointments have not been made in 3-4 years. If you have nominations for volunteers to be recognized, please let Patrick know.

Charlynn has resigned from WebMaster. Jim Daugherty has offered to take that over.

Next board meeting will be held December 20th, 2022 at 3:30 pm

Motion to adjourn

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 5:35