

ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting
October 2017 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Nashville, TN

Date: October 28, 2017

Board Members:

Present: David Birnbaum, Peggy Burkhalter, Walter Brostrom, Chris Clark, Charlynn Foust, Anne Hitt, Betsy Keeling, Barbara Moomy, Linda Murdock, Dianne Sussman

Absent: Jim Bass, Tommy Boze, Pat Williams

Others Present:

Secretary: Alison Gembar

Treasurer: Sue Atwood

Tournament Coordinator: Coley McGinnis

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

July 2017 minutes were reviewed and adjusted. Hendersonville requested use of 12 card tables at the July meeting. Motion for tables was approved. Minutes were approved.

Sue Atwood: Treasurers Report

- Presented 2017 July Regional tournament financial reports and table count information. Reviewed account balances. Treasury report accepted and approved.

Coley McGinnis: Tournament Coordinator

July 2019 Regional

We are still seeking a host hotel for the 2019 July Regional. Sheraton Music City is still a consideration but space to play on the weekend is still a problem. We would have to share the venue with another convention and move from the ballroom to play Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We are discussing having the Sunday Swiss at the VBC location on Sunday. We would have to move all the equipment from the hotel between Saturday night and Sunday evening (tables, bidding boxes, etc). Transition from hotel to club will be our biggest challenge.

Coley will reach out again to Maxwell House to see if they are affordable and still want to work with us.

Murfreesboro has been considered in the past and it was decided that was not a desirable location (people don't show up).

At this time Music City Sheraton is our best option. We need to sign a contract soon. If we don't commit they will rent the space to someone else.

We need 10,000-12,000 sq. feet which is hard to find available locally. Remote locations (churches, schools, coliseums) are not desirable because people want to stay where the games are being held.

Further discussion ensued about other possibilities. At this point we have no other options. Board does not vote on this. This is presented by tournament coordinator and we move forward from there.

Other Tournament Business

- Scheduling Committee will be meeting soon. Meeting is scheduled after this October tournament. We will discuss May ABA Sectional schedule. (We have had joint sectional every other year with ABA/ACBL since 1991). We will discuss the NLM Regional Sectional schedule (and concurrent open Sectional) for the July 2018 tournament. We will begin discussion soon for the October 2018 Sectional, and the July 2019 Regional schedule and budget. The following volunteered to serve on the Tournament Scheduling Committee: Walter Brostrom, Peggy Burkhalter, Charlynn Foust, Barbara Moomy.
- Tournament oversight committee and district board may decide in the future to move a regional or two north. Would we be interested in adding Regional or two if we can get the hotel situation worked out? Topic for future discussion.
- Chris Clark will approach Vanderbilt University about consideration of 2021 Tournament site. We could consider dorms for housing and campus for tournament site.

Linda Murdock – Membership Chair

Report on inactive members. Many inactive members don't answer or call back. Members contacted were very nice. Some have health issues, few have traffic issues from east side of town. All responses were personal issues and no unit problems.

Betsy Keeling – Vanderbilt Bridge Club Liaison

Club is polling club members for consensus on start time. Still polling. No changes yet. Club is also looking for more directors. VBC is considering hosting a local class for new directors.

District Meeting Report Report (Memphis) – David Birnbaum

Southern part of our district is falling apart. ½ of our units are with southern district. Shreveport has 2 new people on board. Their small unit (grown to 50 active members now) get one vote, just as our unit gets one vote. David told them we would help them

any way we can (provided names and phone numbers). Future representatives should do the same. (Baton Rouge is more inclined to get involved.) Other units do not have the volunteers we do. We need to help these struggling clubs as we can.

Credit Card payments are being addressed by the acbl. Pilot program will be up and running by late 2018. This will be implemented by acbl.

Unit 144 – was in jeopardy of being suspended because they weren't running any open games. Issue has been dropped.

Future district board meeting representative needs to go to meeting. If you don't go you will be charged for the dinner.

Other – David Birnbaum

Thanks to Charlynn for putting up our beautiful website and agreeing to maintain it for the time being.

Charlynn – we are getting hits from all across the country. We are also getting a lot of positive comments.

David – Tunica attendees were very happy with our tournament. Pro team indicated they will be back for our next Regional. They did comment they would like to see more knock outs and see more professional players attend.

My service on the board is ending. This Unit needs to support all the players in this Unit. You need to ask and listen to what players in this Unit want and tend to them. Work to get them what they need. Listen everyday.

Nominating Committee – Anne Hitt

Betsy Keeling, Dianne Sussman, Tommy Boze and David Birnbaum are finishing their term on the Board. None of these people wanted to run for reelection. This year we are printing the ballots with photographs of candidates.

Nominees: Sherry Howell, Clifford Kent, Matthew Morgan, Mike Reeslund, Chris Sloan, Jim Wynalek. Out of county: Tom Cox, John Robey, Patrick Williams.

Board members will help stuff envelopes with ballots and we will have ballots available for the balance of the tournament. This will save a significant amount of postage.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion Approved.
Meeting adjourned 6:00 pm