

ACBL Unit 487
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2011

I. Meeting at the Ace of Clubs was called to order by Judy Kay at 5:30 PM. Members present: Judy Kay, Mary Cornelius, Chris Gibson, Barbara Pyles, Brian Thomas, and Ralph Jones. Also in attendance was Alan Johnson. The Board approved the May minutes. Treasurer Chris Gibson made some explanatory comments concerning the Treasurer's Report, including that the Unit received an extra \$150 from the May Sectional for the second day of the Grand National Teams event. The Board agreed that each of the clubs should be given \$50 of this extra profit now rather than waiting until after the September Sectional. The Board agreed to publish the current Balance Sheet on the Unit's website. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

II. Old Business

A. The Board discussed EBC owners' declining to host future election parties and their suggestion that they be held elsewhere than at the bridge clubs. Judy will invite Paul and Ouida to attend the August Board meeting to discuss this and other issues.

B. Feedback on the new OBTY format has been positive. The next issue will have a biography of Cy Green, and the following issue may have a biography of an eastside player.

C. Name badge sales have been good, the first order of 100 has been submitted and delivered; Ann Stark is working on the second hundred.

D. Alan gave an update on the May Sectional. There were 240 tables plus 16 in the GNT, 14 tables better than one year ago. Cleanup went better than in January.

E. Judy gave a report on the Battle of the Willamette. Turnout was a disappointing 5 ½ tables at each club. Judy reported that Donna had requested reimbursement for hospitality expenses incurred. The Board voted to give each club \$100 for hospitality expenses for the May Battle and for future Battle of the Willamette events. Chris will prepare a draft of a letter to the clubs informing them of this decision and of our commitment to this event, and circulate it to the board for comments.

III. New Business

F. Ballots will need to be printed for the election to amend the By-Laws. Ralph agreed to be responsible for this.

G. The updating of the membership rosters has been completed. A copy will be given to each club for a time, to allow any final corrections, before printing. There was a consensus on printing 400 copies.

H. and

I. ACBL President Craig Robinson will be visiting Portland during the September Sectional. The Board will host a dinner between the afternoon and evening sessions on Saturday, September 17 for Mr. Robinson, the tournament directors and their spouses, and other officials. Judy has made tentative reservations at Salty's. The Board agreed to pay for this event. (Board members will pay their own tabs). Hospitality for the Sectional will include 2 sheet cakes decorated with the announcement: "Welcome ACBL President Craig Robinson". Anticipating that President Robinson will wish to address some words to the tournament participants, Judy and Alan will look for a PA system which will function properly in the Armory.

J. The Unit will be responsible for Partnership for the February 2012 Regional. ACBL wants to know as soon as possible who the Partnership chair(s) will be, and a decision needs to be made so

that flyers can be prepared. Flo Savage and Diane Cullen are possibilities.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 5:30 P.M. at EBC.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.