

ACBL Unit 487
Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2012

I. Meeting at Ace of Clubs was called to order by President Judy Kay at 5:30 PM. Present were Board members Barbara Pyles, Nancy Jonske, Chris Gibson, Marie Pinch and Brian Thomas. Also in attendance was tournament manager Alan Johnson.

A. The November 2012 board meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The treasurer's report was approved.

II. Old Business

A. Nancy reported that the bridge teaching program at Catlin Gable middle school in January had to be postponed because of a lack of volunteer teachers. She expects that the program will be presented during the Winter Breakaway week in March 2013.

B. Barbie reported that George Crawford has agreed to be a candidate for the Board. Other candidates include Inez Weiss, Mary Ruth DiCarlo and Marv Rosen. She will try to find one other candidate. They will provide biographies by January 1, 2013. The Board will try to obtain photos of the candidates. Chris will prepare and print ballots.

C. Alan reported on the November tournament. Attendance was up compared to the Spring 2012 tournament but down compared to Fall 2011. Several possible reasons for this include timing close to Thanksgiving and other tournaments, and the Stanford-Oregon football game. Barbie asked whether the payment to the caddies was correct. Alan or Judy will look into this. The Board discussed ways to improve serving lunch at the tournament, including marking the different sandwich boxes more clearly. The Board decided there is no need to sell soda at the tournament. The Board also discussed several other matters affecting the quality of the tournament, including heating, coffee, trash, and the cleanliness of the ladies' restroom.

III. New Business

A. The Board approved the dates of the 2014 Sectionals as January 24-26, May 23-26 and September 12-14. The May tournament tentatively is scheduled to be four days, including the Monday Memorial Day holiday.

B. Judy suggested that the Board consider appointing a non-member to be treasurer on a permanent basis, as is done by the Vancouver unit. She said

she would be willing to be serve as treasurer on a volunteer basis. Further consideration of this topic was tabled to a future meeting.

C. The Board appointed Brian to fill the remainder of Ralph Jones' term on the Board, following the end of his current term in March 2013.

D. The Board discussed ways to improve the Battle of the Willamette, noting the disparity in the turnout between the Ace and the Eastside. Chris suggested that scoring across the field, including players at both clubs, could be a somewhat more equitable way to determine the winning pair.

Next meeting will be 5:00 pm Monday, January 14 2013, at the Eastside Bridge Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.