

**Unit 487 Board Minutes**  
**Meeting of April 17, 2014**

Board members in attendance:

- Brian Thomas (outgoing Board member and President)
- George Crawford, Nancy Jonske, and Katherine Morris (continuing Board members)
- Amy Casanova and Ginny Kopacz (newly elected Board members)
- Peter Hepokoski (Board member appointee)

Board member Chuck Swart was absent.

Also in attendance:

- Molly Harris (District 20 President)
- Alan Johnson (Tournament Manager)
- Judy Kay (Treasurer)
- Sam Asai and Bill Moore, guests

Brian called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

The minutes of the last meeting (January 9), once the dates of our upcoming tournaments are added, were approved. Those dates are:

- May 23-25, 2014
- September 12-14, 2014
- January 23-25, 2015
- May 29-31, 2015
- September 18-20, 2015

The treasurer's report was approved.

Brian announced that Peter has accepted the invitation to fill the remainder of the term of Inez Weiss, who has resigned. The Board voted to confirm his appointment.

Election of officers for the coming year:

- President: Nancy
- Secretary: Peter
- Hospitality Chair: George (Tournament hospitality will be coordinated by Ginny [Fri], Amy [Sat], and George [Sun])
- Partnership Chair and Caddy Master: Chuck
- Disciplinary Chair: Katherine
- Membership Chair: Amy
- Education and I/N Chair: Ginny
- Treasurer: Judy (continuing as an off-board position)

We thanked Brian for his leadership as he departed the meeting, and Nancy chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Alan discussed a request to change the masterpoint stratifications for Sunday events at our sectional tournaments. The Board agreed on the following:

- D: 0-500
- C: 500-1250
- B: 1250-2000
- X: 0-3,000
- A: 3000+

Nancy reported that her bridge classes at Catlin Gabel are going well. She encouraged members to volunteer to assist with the classes which are held from 12:30 PM to 1:05 PM, with days of the week varying. Judy will check on the possibility of ACBL reimbursing the Unit for the costs of the books we are providing the students.

A recommendation has been made to the Board to authorize the Portland Golf Club and Multnomah Athletic Club to hold Unit Games. The Unit can authorize up to 24 such games per year, where extra masterpoints are available. The Board agreed to the following allocation:

- Ace of Clubs: 9
- Portland Bridge Club: 9
- The Unit's election party: 2
- Multnomah Athletic Club: 2
- Portland Golf Club: 2

Katherine will inform Ann Stark of the MAC and PGC allocations.

The future of the Battle of the Willamette was briefly discussed and then tabled.

The Board has been asked about absentee voting in Unit elections. The bylaws allow for voting by mail. It was agreed that we should make members aware of this through the Trumpet and/or OBTY.

Alan discussed with the Board some of the options we have for the Saturday format at the September 2014 tournament, including strati-flighted pairs, IMP pairs, and play-throughs. We agreed on a play-through of AX and BCD pairs for Saturday. The strats will be 0-3,000 for X, 3000+ for A, 0-500 for D, 500-1,250 for C and 1,250-2,000 for B. We will pursue asking the clubs to experiment with IMP pairs games before considering them for tournament play.

A tournament player fell outside Kliever Armory when it was dark and the lights had been turned off. At future sectionals, announcements should be made for people to return inside if the lights are out, so they can be turned on.

We agreed to review and approve the flyer for the September tournament via email.

The next meeting will be June 12, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the Ace of Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Hepokoski