

CALL TO ORDER

In attendance:

- Board members: Amy Casanova, George Crawford, Peter Hepokoski, Nancy Jonske, Ginny Kopacz, Katherine Morris, and Chuck Swart.
- Alan Johnson (Tournament Manager).
- Judy Kay (Treasurer).
- Bill Moore, guest.

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

The minutes of the June 12 meeting were approved as distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Youth Bridge Camp: The planned camp for this summer has been cancelled due to low enrollment. We will start our planning earlier and publicize more in 2015 to attract better enrollment. Catlin has invited us back as a school year activity for next year, and we will be able to work with their Summer Program options, which are open to all students.

Facebook page: Katherine reported on issues related to our possible Facebook page. Discussion focused on what our goals would be and how we would manage the page. It was agreed to table the issue until 2015.

Unit email address: Amy clarified that our email address is pdxunit487@gmail.com.

November 2014 Sectional: It was moved, seconded and approved that the Unit hold a Sectional Saturday and Sunday, November 15-16, 2014, with the following specifics:

- There will be two sites: Events for NLMs with less than 500 masterpoints will be held at the Portland Bridge Center. Open events will be held at the Ace of Clubs. (The clubs have been contacted and have agreed.)
- The NLM events at PBC will be Pairs games at 10am and 3pm Saturday (separate events, not a play-through) and a single-session Swiss Teams event at 10am Sunday [After the meeting, the Sunday time was changed to 1pm]. The 10am Pairs event on Saturday will be a renewal of the Battle of the Willamette.
- The open events at the Ace will be play-through IMP Pairs at 10am and 3pm Saturday and a two-session Swiss Teams event at 10am and TBD Sunday.

Alan will work on the flyer and will check on what the requirements are for directors. Amy will look into arranging an extra room at the Ace. Peter will draft a blurb for the next issue of OBTY.

Unit directory: Amy reported that plans for updating the unit directory are in the early stages.

September 2014 Sectional: Volunteers to oversee hospitality are Ginny (Friday), Amy (Saturday) and George (Sunday). We will rely on the two large clubs as usual for snack items on Friday and Saturday; the next OBTY will state that we expect the cost of each donor's food to be at least as great as the cost of a round of play in order for the donor to receive a free play. For Sunday Ginny will bring muffins, doughnut holes, bananas, etc. and George will handle the ordering of sandwiches from Fred Meyer. Alan will check our contract and discuss with Kliever Armory management to clarify our obligations for cleaning the facilities afterwards.

Tournament locations: Nancy reported that she talked to several players about possible alternatives to the Armory. There seems to be no obvious, practical alternative. Katherine will write a piece for the OBTY

outlining what our requirements are (square footage, parking, etc.) and ask for feedback as to places we might consider.

Future Sectionals: Alan distributed updated lists of tournament dates for 2014, 2015 and 2016. The likely dates he has identified for 2016 are (a) Jan. 29-31, (b) April 29-May 1 or May 20-22, and (c) Sept. 16-18.

NEW BUSINESS

OBTY editor: Judy is retiring at the end of 2014 as editor of *Our Bridge to You*. Nancy asked us to consider whom we might recruit to replace her.

Education outreach: For adult education, our clubs might consider offering ACBL's Learn Bridge In A Day (LBIAD) program. It is currently offered by the Vancouver club, and we sometimes refer interested Portlanders there. Some of our Board members will serve as coaches when LBIAD is offered at the Town Club in late September.

Treasurer audit: Peter has been appointed to perform the routine audit of the treasurer's records. Judy gave him a copy of relevant records for the past year.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve June 30 treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the Ace of Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Hepokoski, Secretary