

Unit 487 Board Minutes  
Meeting of Thursday, November 20, 2014

## **CALL TO ORDER**

In attendance:

- Board members: Peter Hepokoski, Nancy Jonske, Ginny Kopacz, Katherine Morris, and Chuck Swart.
- Alan Johnson (Tournament Manager).
- Judy Kay (Treasurer).

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

The minutes of the August 21 meeting were approved as distributed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Portland Fall Sectional: Alan distributed details about attendance and financial results for the September 12-14 Sectional. Overall we had 230 tables, compared to 250.5 for September 2013. The net profit was \$695 and will be split (as usual) 1/3 each among the Portland Bridge Center, the Ace of Clubs, and Unit 487.

East Willamette and West Willamette Sectionals:

- Alan distributed details about attendance and financial results for the debut of the Willamette Sectionals held November 15-16. The combined turnout was 104 tables. The net profit was \$588. It was moved and seconded that the profit be split 3/7 to the Portland Bridge Center and 4/7 to the Ace of Clubs, reflecting the relative number of tournament sessions held at the two clubs.
- Judy will arrange the engraving of the names of the NLM Battle of the Willamette winners on the plaque.
- Based on the success of this double tournament, the Board intends to make it a regular event. In particular, we are targeting June 27-28 and November 7-8 for 2015, with the latter including the NLM Battle of the Willamette game. We discussed a few details that should help the Willamette Sectionals run even more smoothly going forward.

Education/outreach:

- Nancy reported that the Catlin Gabel bridge classes continue to be successful. Six Unit members have volunteered to assist with the classes.
- Nancy reported that there were six tables at the Learn Bridge in a Day seminar at the Town Club on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> and that the presentation was excellent. She encourages other clubs to consider hosting LBIAD events.
- Ginny has researched the possibility of bridge classes for the after-school SHINE program at William Walker Elementary, and the preliminary conclusion is that they would not meet program requirements.

Unit directory: Chuck discussed logistics for updating the Unit directory. We will aim for a Spring 2015 printing, after soliciting updated address and contact information from members via forms available at the clubs and OBTY.

Nominating Committee: Katherine reported that the Nominating Committee is placing the names of four members on the ballot for the upcoming Unit Board election. Two of these four will be elected: Jonathan Bean, Jan Clemmons, Judy Davis, Rick Prosser.

Treasurer's report:

- Judy reported that our CD at Chase bank has matured, and we will close the account and move the funds to our US Bank account.

- Judy distributed a year-to-date profit-and-loss report, showing net income of \$2,956 through November 13.
- It was moved, seconded and passed that the Unit purchase \$15,000 of five-year CDs.

Injury claim: We acknowledged Alan's report that the player injured in a parking lot fall at one of our tournaments has reached a settlement with Travelers Insurance, so the September 29 hearing at Multnomah County Courthouse was canceled. The ACBL will bear the cost, as the settlement amount was less than the deductible on ACBL's insurance coverage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Portland KO Sectional: We will finalize logistics for our January 23-25 Sectional at our next meeting.

Election of new Board members:

- The election party will be held March 29, 2015 at the Ace of Clubs. Nancy will arrange for the extra room to be reserved.
- Katherine reviewed a draft of the steps in the nomination/election process. She will update her document incorporating feedback from the Board.

OBTY newsletter: We discussed the size and distribution of the bimonthly OBTY. We agreed that the newsletter is popular and informative, and should continue as is, with the exception of increasing the number of copies to accommodate the new 14<sup>th</sup> Trick club.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Next meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 5:00 PM at the Ace of Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter*

Peter Hepokoski, Secretary