

CALL TO ORDER

In attendance:

- Nancy Jonske (outgoing Board member and President)
- Amy Casanova, George Crawford, Peter Hepokoski, and Ginny Kopacz (continuing Board members)
- Jan Clemmons and Judy Davis (incoming Board members)
- Judy Kay (Treasurer)
- Alan Johnson (Tournament Manager)
- Molly Harris (Representative to District 20 Board)
- Jim Wheeler (Acting Manager, Ace of Clubs)
- Bill Moore, guest

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

The minutes of the March 11 meeting were approved as distributed.

The Treasurer's report as of March 31 was approved as distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

Education/outreach:

- The bridge students from Catlin Gabel will play in an upcoming Wednesday morning 199er game at the Ace of Clubs.
- The potential two-week summer school class at Catlin Gabel will probably not happen because no one has volunteered to run it.
- The new 0-499 Mentor Game at the PBC is successful. Nancy encourages us to support it through promotion and volunteering.

New unit directory: If she can obtain an electronic version of the current directory, Amy will use it as a starting point for the new one. When a draft is ready, copies will be left at the clubs so that members can review their listings. Anyone who knows of member deaths should let Peter know because as Secretary he is responsible for notifying the ACBL.

Election Party: The financial outcome was a loss of \$371, which is in line with expectations.

Portland Spring Sectional (May 29-31 at Kliever Armory):

- Jan, Judy, Ginny and Amy are the Board members available to help.
- Ginny and Jan will inventory supplies and replenish as necessary.
- It was agreed to hire our kitchen coordinator for \$300 for the weekend.
- Ginny will arrange for sandwiches on Sunday using the outline prepared by George.
- Amy will arrange for caddies for Sunday and handle the partnership desk.

Limited Sectionals: Peter reported on his discussion with ACBL regarding how many Sectionals a Unit may hold each year. Sectional types include Open, Senior, Limited, Junior, Youth, Progressive Style and STaC. Except for one-day Limited Sectionals (0-100, 0-200, etc.) which are limited to three per year, there are no specific limits. Sectionals must be requested, however, and the ACBL can deny requests.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Wheeler visit: Jim is acting manager at the Ace of Clubs. He provided an overview of activity at the Ace. He reported that the clubs in the area, including Vancouver, are increasingly collaborating, coordinating and cross-publicizing their activities in the interests of the game of bridge. Jim brought two proposals to the Board:

- Employ a person to establish and maintain an email system that all of the clubs that provide sanctioned games could use.
- Improve the Unit website so that the information regarding all of the clubs' games and classes would be available on the unit's website.

It was agreed that Jim and Amy would research these issues and report back to the Board.

Election of officers for coming year:

- President: Amy
- Secretary: Peter
- Hospitality: Ginny
- Partnership and Caddies: Chuck
- Membership: Judy
- I/N: Jan
- Treasurer; Judy (off-board position)
- Education: Nancy (off-board position)

Unit supplies: It was agreed that we should explore renting a single location for all our various supplies (tables, PA system, bidding boxes, boards, food serving items, etc.), which are now kept at many members' homes. Amy will investigate prices of storage units and shelving, seeking a combined cost of \$1,000 or less for 12 months use.

Portland Fall Sectional (September 18-20, 2015): Review of the tournament flyer was tabled to our next meeting.

Willamette Sectionals, aka Battle of the Willamette (November 7-8, 2015):

- Contrary to what was reported at our last meeting, The Ace is interested in helping host.
- It was agreed to once again use two sites. Due to ACBL guidelines, that means that these will officially be two separate Sectionals – the East Willamette Sectional (PBC) and the West Willamette Sectional (The Ace of Clubs).
- It was agreed to alternate the locations of the Open and NLM events each year. Last year the NLM event was at PBC, so this year it will be at the Ace of Clubs, and vice versa for the Open event.

Portland Spring Sectional in 2016: Our preferred weekend for the 2016 Spring Sectional is April 29 to May 1. Because the Kliever Armory is not available, Alan will check into the availability of the Jackson Armory.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Next meeting: Friday, May 15, 2015 at 5:00 PM at the Portland Bridge Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Hepokoski, Secretary