

## **CALL TO ORDER**

In attendance:

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

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM.

The minutes of the November 20 meeting were approved as previously distributed.

Judy's treasurer report through December 31, previously distributed, was acknowledged. Judy confirmed that it included the 2014 dues income from the ACBL.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Education/outreach: Ginny reported that enrollment in the Catlin Gabel bridge classes is 10, down from 18 last term, due to a change in school schedule for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Bridge play during lunch time has been added to help offset. Ginny needs a substitute on days she is not available; Martha will fill in February 26, but Ginny still needs someone for March 7 and 9.

Unit directory: Chuck reported that the ACBL's new and stricter policy on member privacy affects our plans to update the Unit directory. A member's explicit permission is required before any contact information may be published. After discussion, it was agreed that we will prepare a form, to be distributed at the clubs and in OBTY, whereby members can elect to have their information included in the directory.

Election of new Board members: Nancy will coordinate the preparation of ballots and envelopes. Martha will arrange for the posters to be displayed at the ballot boxes at the clubs and KO Sectional.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Member update: News of Dick Braniff's illness was shared. Amy will arrange for flowers to be sent on behalf of the Unit.

OBTY newsletter:

- Nancy explained that the OBTY seeks to provide a balance of information on all bridge activity (clubs, games, players) across the Unit, appealing to all of our members every issue.
- Several ideas for future issues were discussed.
- Martha will explore the opportunity for more paid advertising in the OBTY, such as members soliciting bridge lesson clients.
- We will increase our printing by 20 copies to meet demand.

Updates on local games:

- The 14th Trick club, which holds games on Tuesdays, has moved to 2937A NE Glisan St. in Portland.
- Jan Yocom directs games in our area on Mondays and Thursdays. Interested players can contact her for dates/reservation.

Portland KO Sectional (January 23-25): Administrative logistics were discussed. A new kitchen worker has been hired (\$35 per session), after our prior worker moved out of state. Board members who are available were asked to arrive at 8:30 am Friday, January 23.

Tournament manager compensation: The Board expressed to Alan its appreciation for his outstanding work as tournament manager and informed him of an increase in manager compensation, which the Board established in executive session prior to the regular meeting. Compensation, effective immediately, will be:

- For Sectionals at the Kliever Armory: \$125 per tournament, plus 12 free-play coupons which do not expire and which can be also used at other Unit-sponsored events.
- For other Unit-sponsored events such as the Willamette Sectionals and the Election Party: \$50 per event.

Alan expressed his thanks.

Oregon Trail Regional:

- Nancy reported that the Unit has been asked to choose a charity to receive our share of the charitable contribution that the District makes from the Oregon Trail Regional proceeds. It was agreed that we will designate the Oregon Food Bank as the recipient.
- The District is in need of a photographer for the upcoming Regional. Following discussion, it was agreed that Nancy will tell Marie Ashton that we recommend Sam Jones.

Election Party (March 29 at the Ace of Clubs):

- This will again be a potluck with the Unit providing meat. Ginny will check on prices for both turkey and ham.
- We reviewed Alan's draft of the Election Party flier and agreed on minor editing.

Portland Spring Sectional (May 29-31): Alan distributed a draft of the tournament flier, which was approved without change.

Tournament schedules: Alan distributed drafts of the 2015 and 2016 tournament calendars. We agreed to hold the 2016 Portland Spring Sectional the weekend of June 3-5, thereby avoiding the Memorial Day weekend.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 5:00 PM at the Ace of Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter*

Peter Hepokoski, Secretary