

Unit 487 Board Minutes  
Meeting of Wednesday, March 11, 2015

## **CALL TO ORDER**

In attendance:

- Board members: Amy Casanova, Peter Hepokoski, Nancy Jonske, Ginny Kopacz, Chuck Swart.
- Linda Wiener (co-owner, Portland Bridge Club and South Waterfront Club)

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

Linda introduced herself and updated the Board on activity and plans at the Portland Bridge Club and the South Waterfront Club following their change in ownership and management in January. Numerous issues of joint interest were discussed, and it was agreed that communication between the clubs and the Board is important to our smooth functioning.

The minutes of the January 11 meeting were approved, following one change to clarify that Ginny will check on prices for meat to be purchased for the Election Party.

Judy's previously distributed treasurer report through February 28 was acknowledged. Balance of current assets stood at \$27,943.26. Amy will meet with Judy for this year's audit, along with how to make the monthly report to the board more informative (e.g., income and expenses by function and by month). Peter will provide Amy with his conclusions from last year's audit.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Education/outreach: Bridge classes at Catlin Gabel continue to be successful. Unit members have suggested other schools where we might offer classes, but that will require a much greater volunteer commitment from members than we have had.

New unit directory: Chuck and Amy will use information from the election ballot envelopes as they begin their effort.

Election of new Board members: We have so far collected ballots from 258 voters, of which 247 have been validated. Amy will check the other 11 for potential validation. We expect to receive a few more ballots before the deadline of 11:00 am the day of the Election Party. Ballots will be counted on site, and results will be announced to those in attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Portland KO Sectional (January 23-25): The Board discussed Alan Johnson's report that we lost only \$289.90 despite having to move the tournament from the armory to a hotel on short notice. It was agreed to compensate the PBC and the Ace \$500 each, which is near what they usually receive under the standard arrangement of 1/3 of profits each. It was also agreed to pay \$75 to the individual we hired to oversee the kitchen at our tournament, even though her help was not needed after the switch in sites.

Oregon Trail Regional: Peter has informed Marie Ashton that we designate the Oregon Food Bank as recipient of our share of the charitable contribution that the District makes from the tournament proceeds.

Election Party (March 29 at the Ace of Clubs): Administrative logistics were discussed, including:

- Directors contracted by Alan are: Bill Hardy for open game and Pat Dennis for the NLM game.
- Bill has set out a sign-up sheet for seeding.

- Mini-McKenney medallions and Ace of Clubs certificates have been received for presentation.
- Nancy will draft a list of assignments and email volunteers.
- Board should plan to meet at 9am for set-up (first session is at 11am).

Portland Spring Sectional (May 29-31 at Kliever Armory): Details will be discussed at our next Board meeting.

Limited Sectionals: Peter will check with the ACBL regarding how many events such as NML Sectionals and Senior Sectionals a Unit may hold each year.

Battle of the Willamette:

- We agreed to hold the next Battle of the Willamette November 7-8, 2015.
- The Ace has expressed a preference not to hold the event at their site, so we will consider other locations and formats. We may return to the original NLM-only format. The PBC is open to hosting.

2016 schedule: Kliever Armory is not available June 3-5, 2016, when we were planned a Spring Sectional. It was agreed we would rather look for another site than to change the date.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Next meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 5:00 PM at the Ace of Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Hepokoski, Secretary