

Unit 487 Board Minutes

Thursday, August 4, 2016

Submitted by Ron Root on behalf of Amy Casanova

Attendance:

Board Members:

Nancy Jonske, Nancy Swanson, Ron Root, Jan Clemmons
(Absent : Amy Casanova, Ginny Kopacz, Janet Linebarger)

Others:

Alan Johnson, Tournament Manager
Judy Kay, Treasurer
Molly Harris, Unit Rep to Dist 20
Donna Braniff, guest

The meeting was called to order by Nancy at 3:10pm.

Minutes: The May minutes were approved via email.

Treasurer's Report: Emailed and accepted. Dave Pinch audit complete, no problems

Guest: Donna Braniff, of Ace of Clubs, reported that they will be in a new location in September.

Old Business:

- Sectional report of January Sectional comes from Director, and is accepted as delivered. Alan will research cost saving ideas
- As the "official" unit cub reporter, Ron requested the publishing schedule.
 - OBTY is bi-monthly, due the 1st day of even-numbered months.
 - The Trumpet is a quarterly.
 - Current Trumpet 487 article to be finalized by Ron after this meeting
- Education: Club Appreciation Swiss Team events that offer 5% gold points. These could be used as an enticement to encourage new player participation and as a learning experience for I/N NLM players. No decision was made as to how we'll move forward with this.
- Catlin Gabel MS s will again be offering an activity class in Bridge beginning Sept 6. Volunteers needed.
- The MAC is considering offering bridge classes for Middle School students in Jan 2017
- Unit Roster: Discussion on the need for booklets, even if the Unit Roster is available on our website.
 - General feeling is to do both for this issue. Cost and quantity tbd. Judy Kay to research prior cost on quantity.
 - Ron will ask Chris about web programs, and assistance. He will also check with Bill Hardy as to his web capabilities.
- Unit Championship Games: The Unit has 24 to disseminate as follows:
 - 4 for the Unit election game
 - 9 to the PBC and Ace
 - 2 to Jan Yocom.
- Budget: Discussion a general informational budget. No action, further review later.

- Unit Rep to District Board: Molly Harris is retiring. Mike Eyer will become our Rep to District-20 effective January 1st, 2017 per approved vote by the Unit.

New Business:

- Finesse West tour is doing 2 PNW tours in 2017. Will be in PDX in Sept and Oct 2017
- Locations for Sectionals. Alan reviewed with the Board many hotel options and prices. The September Sectional is scheduled at Camp Withycomb. Since we've so far been unable to find a viable alternative to this site, the Board approved its use for the January 2017 sectional, despite its rate increase. Alan needs to make a deposit to secure a date. Also, we need to solidify the dates and location in order to have fliers available at the September sectional.
- Online District Finals for GNT and Pairs were discussed. The online Finals seem to cause frustrations, but travel to a distant location was not desirable as our District is so large. No resolution.
- Fall Sectional Sept 9-11. All Board members will be present at 8:30 am Fri and will contribute as needed.
- Jan Clemmons and Nancy Swanson are organizing hospitality (inventory, shopping and prep)
- Battle of the Willamette (BOW) will be held Nov 5-6. The NLM games at PBC, Open games at Ace.
- Progressive Sectional: research will be done on this multi-day sectional format. It would operate in a fashion similar to the Grand National pairs, with multiple qualifying opportunities held in the clubs, with qualifiers moving on the sectional site. The event would be open to non-qualifiers too, but they would be ineligible for overall point awards. The Board that this option had appeal and will research it with the clubs and discuss further later.
- Linda Weiner originally planned to attend this meeting to discuss hosting a club sectional. However, since the last one was not a financial success, she's requested to attend our next meeting instead, and discuss future possibilities.
- FedEx-Kinkos allows a 20% discount for ALL ACBL members (you must remember your ACBL password in order to prove your membership 😊)

Future Dates:

Next Board Meeting: 3pm at PBC on Wed Sept 21

Fall Sect Sept 9-11

BOW Nov 5-6

Winter Sect Jan 27-29

Election Party March 26

Spring Sect Apr 28-30

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm

Post-meeting Addendum:

- The site for January Sectional will be at Montgomery Park, not Camp Withycomb