

Unit 487 Board Minutes
Meeting of Thursday, January 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

In attendance:

- Board members: Amy Casanova, Jan Clemmons, Ginny Kopacz, George Crawford, Chuck Swart, and Judy Davis
- Alan Johnson, Tournament Manager; Judy Kay, Treasurer; Nancy Jonske, Education Liaison; and Martha Maroney, OBTY & Trumpet Editor

Amy called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

- The minutes of the October 9, 2015 meeting were approved.
- The Treasury Report was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election

- There are five candidates. They are Nancy Swanson, Janet Linebarger, Ron Root, Ray Robert, and Rick Prouser.
- Voting begins February 1, 2016.
- Martha will send bios to Chuck. He will have 500 ballots printed and provide color photos and bios to post by ballot boxes at the local clubs.

- Winter Sectional, January 29-31, 2016

- Board members working the sectional include: Amy Casanova, Chuck Swart, George Crawford, Jan Clemmons, Ginny Kopacz, Judy Davis (not Saturday), and Peter Hepokoski (not Sunday).
- Meet at Camp Withycombe at 4:30 PM, Friday, January 29 to set up.
- Food budget for this sectional is \$300 and will include food items such as crackers, dips, chips, cheese, veggies, and cookies.
- Chuck still needs to find one more caddy for the Sunday game.

- Election Party, Sunday April 3, 2016

- Nancy Jonske presented a suggested proposal from a catering venue for lemon chicken, grilled vegetables, and a quinoa salad at a cost of \$950 per 120. Amy Casanova will pursue other bids in addition to renting dishes, etc.
- Board members available to work the Election Party will be Peter Hepokoski, Chuck Swart, Amy Casanova, Jan Clemmons, and Judy Davis.

- Spring Sectional, April 29-May 1,2016

- Flyer was approved.

- Battle of the Willamette (BOW) Sectional, November 5-6

- The unit voted to continue these sectionals with the locations alternating between The Ace of Clubs and the Portland Bridge Club, with each hosting either the open or the NLM game.

- Mail Chimp

- Jim Wheeler spoke to the board regarding his continued desire to see the unit use Mail Chimp to send out emails regarding The Ace of Clubs sectionals and other club activities that may be of interest to unit members.

- Jan Clemmons volunteered to monitor and send emails using the Chimp program.

- In addition to this position, Amy would like to have a board member appointed as the Electronic Coordinator that would be responsible for sending items to Bill Hardy to post on the unit website. Until this position is appointed, any board member may continue to send items to Bill Hardy for posting on the unit website.

- Any board member can access unit email by logging into PDXUnit487@gmail.com. Password: xxxxxxxxx

- For Mailchimp.com, the user name is xxxxxxxxxx and the password is xxxxxxxxxx.

- Education Report

- Nancy Jonske reported that there are 16 students at Catlin Gable enrolled in the advanced beginning bridge class and 6 in the beginning bridge class.

- The board approved ordering 25 additional copies of the Pocket Guide to Bridge which is being used as a training tool.

- Catlin Gable's summer school program will be June 27-July 1, 2016 and is open to the city. Classes will run for 3 hours over a 5-day period. Volunteer teachers are needed. George Crawford volunteered to help teach.

- The next American Bridge Teachers Association meeting will be July 19-22, 2016 in Washington, D.C.

- Roster Reprinting

- Amy reported that there are no more copies of the roster that was updated, printed, and distributed last summer. Prior to reprinting, an outreach will be made for updates through the OBTY and Trumpet.

- Resignation

- Judy Davis will resign from the unit board effective April 3, 2016. The board voted to appoint Nancy Jonske to complete the remaining 2 years of Judy's term.

- Board Meetings

- Ginny Kopacz suggested that the board meet more frequently to facilitate the decision making process which is currently being done through numerous emails.

- The next two meetings will be:

- Tuesday, February 9, 4:00 p.m., The Ace of Clubs

- Tuesday, March 8, 4:00 p.m., The Ace of Clubs (The March 8 meeting was subsequently postponed to April 12.)

CLOSE OF MEETING

- Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Davis

(Acting on behalf of the Secretary)