

Unit 487 Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes (Approved)

4/11/2019

In attendance:

Directors: George O'Leary, Nely Johnson, Kristin Steinmetz, Paul Walker, Jon Gassaway

Kathi Marcus (Treasurer), Alan Johnson (Tournament Director), Mike Eyer (District 20), Ray Robert (Web Master)

Minutes of the 3/10/19 BOD meeting were approved. They have been sent to Ray Robert via email.

Mike Eyer introduced himself to the new board members and explained his role as Area Representative and Vice President of District 20. He spoke about the reorganization of the ACBL into two large geographic areas divided roughly by the Mississippi River. This was driven partly by the resignation of the previous president partially due to poor attendance at the Hawaii National Tournament. There is a possibility that Portland might be in consideration for a National Tournament in 5 to 6 years. Mike asked for feedback from Unit 487 because staging a National requires a lot of preparation and volunteer effort. He did report that District 20 is in good shape financially.

Ray Robert reported on his efforts to edit obsolete web pages and links out of the server to allow the Unit 487 web site to be found more easily on Google. He would like to try to integrate the Google Calendar with the Calendar on the web site so that it would get updated more automatically.

Jon ~~Cassaway~~ Gassaway has set up a Google Drive site which we can use for archiving and making Unit 487 documents readily available.

Alan has arranged for ACBL sanctions for the June and September Sectionals and will apply for the Battle of the Willamette sanction. The Dates for 2020 are mostly set. He is waiting on Eugene, OR before finalizing the Jan 2020 sectional date.

Nely reported for Hospitality. For the June Sectional they want to work with the same budget as the one in January with the understanding that they will very likely come in under budget, since they won't be ordering quite as much food from Elephant's Deli.

Kathi Marcus presented financial results for the Election Party and a budget for the June Sectional, both of which were approved by the Board. She noted that the rent for the storage unit will be going up. Kristin agreed to contact Central Storage ~~the building owner~~ to see if we could move to a lower cost storage unit at the same location. Kathi also presented a P&L and Balance sheet for Unit 487 as of 4/8/2019.

Medallions: The Board agreed to drop the purchase of medallions for the Election Party due to a general lack of interest. We will continue to print out the certificates.

Kristin talked about possible outreach efforts particularly focusing on newer members playing in the limited games and taking lessons.

Jon has taken over downloading the monthly membership info from the ACBL.

Alan presented a proposed Flyer for the September Sectional with 10:30am and 3:30PM start times and a play-through Open section, which was approved by the Board. The board agreed to poll the audience at the sectional to gauge their interest as to whether 10 and 3 pm or 10:30 and 3:30 times for the sectional are preferred.

Venue for 2020: Nely will contact the Montgomery Park (Elephant's) about ~~a contract for~~ whether we can consider that venue for our 2020 sectionals and if so what are the terms. Alan is ready to contact the Red Lion and Kliever Armory if that should fall through.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

6/25 at the Ace of Clubs

8/15 at PBC

9/24 at the Ace

Future dates:

D20 STaC May 13-19, 2019

June Sectional June 8-9 Montgomery Park

September Sectional Sep 7-8 Montgomery Park

Battle of the Willamette Nov 2-3

D20 STaC Dec 16-22, 2019

Upcoming Board Meetings:

See above

George O'Leary, Secretary