

Unit 487 Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

6/25/2019

In attendance:

Directors: George O'Leary, Nely Johnson, Kristin Steinmetz, Paul Walker, Jon Gassaway, Monte Garrett, Dee Poujade

Kathi Marcus (Treasurer), Merlin Vilhauer (District 20), Ray Robert (Web Master)

Minutes of the 4/11/19 BOD meeting were approved. They have been sent to Ray Robert via email.

Merlin Vilhauer introduced himself to the board members and described his past experience on the national ACBL Board. He is running for re-election. Members of Boards such as ours (Unit-487) are the electorate for this election which will happen in September.

Ray Robert will try to link the calendar on the Unit 487 web site to the District 20 calendar and will also see if it can be integrated with the already established Unit 487 Forum Calendar. George has confirmed that Ray has manager privileges for this calendar.

Jon Gassaway has set up a Google Drive site which we can use for archiving and making Unit 487 documents readily available. Any documents that need to be archived should be sent to Jon.

The June sectional attendance was up from the June 2018 session and down from January as expected. The only complaints seemed to be the lack of a single session Fast Pairs on Sunday morning and the use of the 2000 point stratification for the open pairs in Sunday. The Board approved a distribution of the profit of \$451 to the two clubs.

There was a request from the Game Directors to consider some form of pre-registration including payment that would lighten their load of collecting all the cash. After some discussion it was decided that this is a topic that needs to be addressed starting at a higher level.

Nely reported for Hospitality. The budget for the June Sectional worked out. The Mac and cheese choice doesn't seem to be too popular. It was decided that for the September Sectional, we will not offer a lunch on Sunday.

Kathi Marcus presented financial results for the June Sectional. It appears that the STaC's that are available to the Clubs preceding our 2-day Sectionals, are not attracting players. She recommends that we consider dropping them in the future. Kathi also presented a P&L and Balance Sheet for Unit 487 as of 6/24/2019.

Kristin has contacted Central Storage and moved us to a lower cost storage unit at the same location.

Kristin talked about plans by the Portland Bridge Center to set up a table on a weekend in the Lloyd Center Mall as part of a marketing outreach effort. They have offered to let us participate.

Venue for 2020: Montgomery Park will not be available after the September Sectional, so we will need to start the Facility search effort going again. It was agreed that we should look for a three-day venue.

Jon Gassaway spoke briefly about his desire to open a conversation about introducing newer players to Team play.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

8/15 at PBC

9/24 at the Ace

Future dates:

September Sectional Sep 7-8 Montgomery Park

Battle of the Willamette Nov 2-3 ACE

D20 STaC Dec 16-22, 2019

Upcoming Board Meetings:

See above

George O'Leary, Secretary