

Unit 487 Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

8/22/2019

In attendance:

Directors: Kristin Steinmetz, George O'Leary, Nely Johnson, Paul Walker, Dee Poujade

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

Minutes of the 6/25/19 BOD meeting were approved. They have been sent to Ray Robert and Jon Gassaway via email.

Mike presented a summary of happenings from Area 5/Portland. The biggest news being that any hope of holding a National tournament in Portland is now off until at least 2026.

Laurie Rowe (candidate for District Rep to national board) introduced herself to the board members and described her past experience and what she would focus on in the position. Members of this Board (Unit 487) should have received a ballot via email for this election.

Ray Robert has linked the Unit 487 web site to the already established Unit 487 Forum Calendar. Ray has also made it publically viewable. George has confirmed that the entire set of regular attendees to the Unit 487 Board meetings have posting privileges

Kathi has distributed financial statements via email. The Board approved a distribution of the profit from the June sectional (or STaC?) of \$46 to each of the two clubs.

Kristin has set up plans to have a marketing event in the Lloyd Center concurrent with the Portland Rose Society Show on September 14<sup>th</sup> with tables to direct people into a storefront where we will have some tables set up with people playing bridge. Those who know how to play can join and those who are new to bridge can join a volunteer who will be teaching mini-bridge. The Board approved a motion to allocate \$510 for advertising in a Community Newspaper. Also Kristin discussed upcoming plans for a Swiss Team promotional series where the clubs would offer a day newer players could come it to get a briefing on team play, scoring and strategy and then practice some. That will happen over September and October and newer players will be encouraged to play in teams at the BOW.

Paul reported on the search for a new Venue. It turns out that Montgomery Park will be available after the September Sectional, but the price will almost triple and it will still be limited to 2 days. The Board agreed that the Milwaukie Elks Club was the best option even though they are not available for the precise January 2020 date that we were looking for. It was moved to authorize Paul's Committee to enter into a contract with the Elks Club for the June and Sept 2020 dates and to try to find an acceptable alternative early 2020 date. As a backup, it was also moved to allow them to negotiate with Oaks Park for the January date if it should turn out that an agreeable Jan/Feb date was not available at the Elks Club.

It was agreed to not provide a lunch at the September Sectional, hold the Sunday lunch break to 1hr, and provide additional snacks in the afternoon. Kristin has sent this information out via an e-mail blast.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

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

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