ACBL UNIT 487 March 8, 2020 Unit Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Kristin Steinmetz, George O'Leary, Paula Koeller, Tara McMahon, Jon Gassaway, Monte Garrett, Paul Walker, Alan Johnson, Ray Robert. Absent: Dee Poujade, Kathi Marcus, Mike Eyer.

Prior to the Board meeting, the new board member election was held at the annual election party. 118 unit members were present and voted by acclamation to elect two new Board members, Paula Koeller and Tara McMahon, to fill the open three year terms.

Board President Kristin Steinmetz called the meeting to order. The Board welcomed two newly elected board members, Paula Koeller and Tara McMahon.

Board thanked George and Nely for their past service as they rotate off the board.

Kristin Steinmetz was reappointed to the role of board president, by unanimous acclamation. Kristin had offered to extend her term by rotating into the Board seat vacated by Nely Johnson, consequently Kristin has one year remaining of elected board service. The Board unanimously accepted this offer. Paul volunteered to fill the open vice-president role, as Dee had volunteered to rotate from the VP role to the secretary role. Hospitality function will be co-chaired by Monte and Tara; Jon will chair the Partnership and Membership functions and will also continue as Tournament caddy master. Paul will chair the nominations function and continue to shadow Alan Johnson who will be the Tournament manager. The Board discussed and agreed to add an Intermediate/Novice coordination role which will be shared by Kristin and Paula. Kristin and Paula will also coordinate and lead the Marketing And Education role. The Board took the Volunteer coordinator role off the official list of Board functions, however any board member needing volunteers for their function will recruit them as needed. (e.g. tournaments, marketing/classes, etc.) Upcoming sectionals were discussed. Next event is May 29-31 at Elks/Milwaukie. Monte and Paul reported that they met with the Elks Manager to review catering options and costs. They recommended a Catering budget in the \$1500 range which may enable a food and beverage experience comparable to what was provided at the Winter sectional held at Kliever, but this will need to be confirmed after further discussion with the Elks manager. There was general agreement that Kliever worked very well as a tournament site and there was some consideration to scheduling more tournaments there, including the possibility of moving our September sectional to Kliever. However, based on this favorable meeting with Elks manager, Monte and Paul recommended to continue with the current scheduled Fall sectional site decision at the Elks, for which the Board has already made a deposit. It was noted that retaining two viable sectional sites is important. While this was not put to a vote, the

consensus of the board was to stick with the current schedule, but to consider Kliever for more sectionals in 2021.

The Fall sectional will be Sept. 11-13 and is also planned to be held at the Elks site as originally planned.

Alan proposed, and the Board concurred, that the annual "Battle of the Willamette" event will be scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 7-8, 2020. More details to follow in terms of how the open and limited games will be split between the two hosting clubs, Ace and PBC.

The status of the Unit 487 web site was discussed. Generally, there is a limited amount of content on the Unit site. General discussion continues around what the right amount of content is, for the Unit, and Dee will be in the role as Web Content Coordinator to explore what we want and then provide that content to Ray for posting.

The topic of sectionals hosted by specific clubs was discussed. It was noted that, previously, the board had agreed to support the Ace of Clubs' intent to host a sectional. Subsequent discussions between various interested parties (including current and former Board members) indicated this may not be appropriate The Board agreed this topic needs more discussion, but that for now the Ace could continue with its planned "sectional" scheduled for June 26-28; further, that the Board would communicate with the Ace club about the fact going forward clubs should only do NLM sectionals. It was noted that more research and clarification of ACBL policy would be helpful on this topic.

Future Board meeting schedule was set: Tuesday April 21, at Ace and Friday, June 12 at PBC. It was noted we would need a Board meeting in August.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Walker