

Unit 487 Minutes
March 25, 2020

Attendees: Kristin Steinmetz, Paula Koeller, Tara McMahon, Jon Gassaway, Monte Garrett, Alan Johnson, Kathi Marcus, Dee Poujade. Absent: Paul Walker.

Board President Kristin Steinmetz called the meeting to order. Meeting topic was, “How to support the club(s) and members during the Coronavirus shutdown.”

Kristin reported on her conversation with Laurie Rowe. With regard to the amount that should be maintained in Unit reserves, she was told that it was the Unit’s maximum “potential liability” for a year, times 1.5. The liability would, presumably, be costs involved if all three tournaments in a given year had to be cancelled. At this point in time, there is no discussion about using any portion of our reserves for any purpose; this is “for our information” only.

With regard to “responsibility to local clubs,” Laurie told Kristin that, as a unit, we have no responsibility to local clubs; our responsibility is to our members (which could conceivably include assuring that local clubs continue to operate so as to provide maximum opportunities for our members to play.) We should treat all clubs in our Unit equally. There are four clubs in our Unit, two full-time and two part-time.

The ACBL/BBO continues to increase options for on-line play, with the newest being training people who are already certified as tournament directors (Chris in our Unit) to run club games. ACBL hopes to begin this within the next week. The on-line games to benefit local clubs are proving very popular – reportedly they fill up very quickly when registration opens up!

We confirmed our agreement that decisions do not need to be made about cancelling the STAC games or May tournament at this time; that decision can be delayed for several weeks.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 1 at 5 pm with the same call in number and code.

Dee Poujade
Secretary