

Unit 487 Board Meeting
December 16, 2021

Attendees: Kristin Steinmetz, Paul Walker, Tara McMahon, Kathi Marcus, Jon Gassaway and Dee Poujade

Board President Kristin Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Tournament Planning: Tournament Manager Paul Walker reported that plans are well underway for the January 28-30 tournament. He has consulted with Jeff Jacob regarding ACBL regulations, and current planning is based upon those, recognizing that it could yet change!

Based upon the experiences of other tournaments, we anticipate attendance at about 40% of previous tournaments, or approximately 100 tables for the two days.

Kathi reported that she has “tweaked” the previously provided budget and, with 100 tables, we should come close to breaking even, with a possible loss of approximately \$450. This would include paying the PBC \$500 in “rent” for the use of their space (in addition to the \$300 we are paying to rent the chess club space across the hall). If there are fewer participants, the tournament could be held just in the PBC space, which would save the cost of one Tournament Director.

There was some discussion about whether we should ask Staci Christiansen to cancel online games through the Ace of Clubs and give her money as well. Paul said he would talk to her as she might want to hold games to accommodate those players who will not attend the tournament. Also, if we do not make a profit, there will be no “profit sharing.”

Kathi added that she thought it might be best to cancel in light of the new Covid variety and the anticipated “surge” in January. Consensus is that we can cancel at any time, but that we should continue to plan.

Kristin will send the final draft of the letter about the tournament to Board members for a final look, with the intention of sending it out to the Unit membership Friday morning.

Treasurer’s Report: Kathi reported that our current checking account balance is \$2 4,752, with \$10,867 in one CD and \$5,433 in another.

Elections: We have two candidates for the open positions on the Board, and Kristin will send out an e-mail announcing the upcoming election and inviting people to self-nominate if they are interested in running for a position. Kristin also asked that current Board members be thinking about what position they wish to hold on the new Board. Paul (the current Vice-President) said that he wants to continue training as a Tournament Director, and does not feel he can do that and serve as President. Dee wishes to continue as Secretary. None of the remaining Board

members present for the meeting was interested in serving as President; we agreed Paula would be an excellent choice for this position. Kristin will talk to her about it.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 pm

Dee Poujade, Secretary