

Unit 487 Board Meeting  
January 12, 2022

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

Board President Kristin Steinmetz called the meeting to order at \_\_\_\_\_

**Tournament Planning:** Please fill in what transpired before I arrived.

Kristen reported that she has spoken with Staci, who was “relieved” that we were not asking her to cancel online games on the Tournament weekend.

Kristin will send the a “reminder” e-mail to Unit members with information about the tournament, including reminders to pre-register and a brief explanation of Covid protocols.

**Treasurer’s Report:** ?????

**Budget for Tournament:** The Board voted to approve \$700 as “rent” to PBC for use of their space, and other help provided (registration, lost revenue, etc.) Kathi pointed out that the budget is fluid and, while there is a “placeholder” of \$50 for hospitality, that number can differ.

**Health and Safety for Tournament:** Paula reported. If we utilize both PBC and the neighboring Chess club, we may need two tables for “walk in” registrations and checking vaccination cards/photo IDs etc. Paul will discuss this with Jeff. Tara and Paul volunteered to “man” these tables as needed.

Paula also mentioned that one player has notified her that she would like to bring two (fully vaccinated) children to the tournament, as she has no childcare. The consensus of the Board was that this was okay, as long as the caregiver understands that she is responsible.

There will be “tent signs” on the tables reminding people that they are not to eat at the table. All board members present are responsible for enforcing Covid rules (i.e. proper mask-wearing, no eating, etc.) and it will be announced that people having concerns look for someone with a red name tag. (Tags will be order for those members who do not have them.) Extra masks will be available for those who arrive without one – Kristen will provide these.

**Election Party:** Paul will talk to PBC about holding a special game at PBC in March.

**Table/Storage Update:** Paul and Jon will serve as a task force to explore options and will report back to the board.

**New Board Members** – There was some discussion about current board members extending their terms as our main job is arranging tournaments, and this January Sectional will be the first tournament in two years. Some Board members are willing to extend; others prefer not to. We have two candidates to fill the vacancies as they now exist.

**Program for Education and Mentoring** – Kristen has been working on this, with her efforts severely curtailed by Covid. She is most concerned about game availability and mentoring for people who have taken (online) classes and now have nowhere to play. This is a topic that needs more in-depth conversation and will return to a future agenda.

**Webmaster** – Although Ray asked to be replaced a year ago, we have not yet found anyone to replace him. There was some discussion as to whether the Web page is utilized sufficiently to make it worthwhile to maintain. Paul and Tara will check out other websites (post-tournament!) and report back. Kristen will talk to Ray and bring back information on his feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm

Dee Poujade, Secretary