

Unit 487 Board Meeting
May 27, 2021

Attendees: Kristin Steinmetz, Paul Walker, Paula Koeller, Tara McMahon, Mike Eyer and Dee Poujade. Kathi Marcus made a brief appearance.

Board President Kristin Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Tournament Planning: Tournament Manager Paul Walker reported that limited publicity has gone out on the September 17-19 tournament, currently scheduled to be held in the Kliever Armory. He provided a breakdown on costs and potential income, assuming attendance at 60% of the most recent tournament (which is the number that the Portland Bridge Club (PBC) is reporting for attendance at their “live” games).

Given that these projections would mean an (approximate) loss of about \$2,000 to the unit, and further given the uncertainty about the “Delta Variant” of Covid-19, with potential additional restrictions from the ACBL or local governments, he recommended that we consider following the example of Vancouver and hold our tournament in Lloyd Center. Kristen moved that we abandon the Kliever location for September, and approach PBC and Lloyd Center about finding a second space at the Center for a three-day, 45 table tournament.

Paul will approach Kliever to see if the \$100 deposit can be transferred to a future date and will also contact the ACBL about changing the sanction for the tournament. The tournament would have “minimal hospitality,” again depending upon ACBL and local rules in place at the time, and attendance would be by pre-registration only, with proof of vaccination required. If a second space is not available at Lloyd Center, the board will re-visit the options of holding a smaller tournament at PBC or cancelling. In all events, updated publicity will be prepared to go out in the next few weeks, via e-mail to our unit members as well as flyers to neighboring units.

Battle of the Willamette: Currently scheduled for November 6-7. Plan is to use Lloyd Center, as it is uncertain if the Ace of Clubs will have re-opened by then. Perhaps some of the games can be “virtual”? Discussion on this postponed to a future meeting.

Winter Sectional: Tentatively February 4-6 at Kliever. Further discussion needed.

Marketing/Education: Paula has been asked to teach a beginning bridge (“social/party” bridge) class at a retirement community. Kristen will send an e-mail to the unit membership as soon as the tournament plans are finalized, to include an update on the local clubs.

Recruitment: A board member is needed to fill out the remainder of Monte Garrett’s term (ending in March 2023). This person would co-chair hospitality with Tara. A new webmaster is also needed as Ray wants to step down. Please let Kristen know if you have recommendations.

District: Mike reported that there is a new ACBL “dashboard” on the website that will make it easier to navigate the site. He also reported that the ACBL has been having great success with on-line classes that started earlier this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

Dee Poujade, Secretary