

Unit 487 Board Meeting
May 27, 2021

Attendees: Kristin Steinmetz, Monte Garrett, Paul Walker, Paula Koeller, Tara McMahon, Ray Robert, Jon Gassaway, Staci Christian, David Castles, David Brower and Dee Poujade.

Board President Kristin Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

David Castles briefly talked about plans for Portland Bridge Club's re-opening in June. They will maintain a limited schedule of in-person games (three per week to start), while maintaining remaining games online. (Staci later reported that she currently has no plans to re-open the Ace of Clubs and is looking for a new location.)

As the new Tournament Manager, Paul reported that the Kliever site is available 9/17-9/19 for a rental of \$2,655 – slightly more than we would have paid last spring, but also for a slightly longer time frame. Depending upon what is decided as to game starting times, the final number could possibly be negotiated to be a bit less. The board approved paying the (non-refundable) \$100 deposit and signing the contract.

Jeff Jacob will be Director in charge and will staff the tournament "lightly" to help keep costs down. There may be a way to have payment via credit cards (and possibly payment in advance) to move things along more quickly.

After some discussion, it was decided to have the tournament run for three days with starting times at 10:00 and 2:30. There was also a discussion of providing lunch (pre-wrapped sandwiches) to make the "break" shorter and eliminate the need for players to get out for lunch. This will depend upon what the ACBL guidelines regarding food are at the time.

There was considerable discussion on what the contests would be – we discussed Jeff's suggestions to keep things simple with two sessions per day – one open and one 0-750 stratified. Some felt that a lower-level game (200) should be offered as well. Paul will come up with a final schedule and circulate it among board members before finalizing.

We are assuming that ACBL guidelines regarding vaccination status, masks, hand sanitizers and the like could very well change between now and September. Paula volunteered to act as health and safety coordinator, and Paul will back her up as needed. The logistics of providing proof of vaccination need to be further discussed – one option might be for the clubs to provide us with their lists of vaccinated players. This would be another reason to encourage pre-registration.

The most pressing jobs to be done are to secure the site; finalize the schedule of games and work on an electronic "flyer" to be distributed to players, as well as any other publicity we may want to have. Discussions on food, safety/vaccination, and the like can follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm

Dee Poujade, Secretary