

Unit 487 Board Meeting
November 20, 2022

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

Board President Kristin Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

District Update (Mike) –

- Mike reported that the position of President for the District Board was expanded from the previous one-year term to a two-year term.
- The district continues to discuss the times of games for District tournaments.
- Costs are rising for putting on tournaments and it is likely that, instead of the previous four regional tournaments a year there will be two – Seaside and Oregon Trail.
- A tournament director has been added to the District board.
- Input is sought on whether the district should continue to publish the Trumpet (at a cost of about \$25,000/year). The unit board did not have a consensus opinion on this; Mike asked that individuals provide their input

Charity Donation – Every year the District has \$3,000 to donate to local/community charities and asks the Units for input. Some were proposed at our meeting and the ones we decided to submit for consideration were Portland Food Bank and the Multnomah National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI).

Upcoming Tournaments (Paul) - Our next tournament is the Winter Sectional, January 27-29 at the Portland Bridge Club/Chess Club in the Lloyd Center.

- Paul has paid a \$500 deposit to reserve the chess club for all three days. Because there was some dissatisfaction about how the chess club was left after the September tournament (and because the cleanliness of the club, the floor in particular, leaves something to be desired), Paul suggested that, as a goodwill gesture, we pay to have the floor cleaned prior to the January tournament. He will speak to Lloyd Center to see if we have to use their service (and what the cost would be) and report back.
- Paul proposed dates of June 23-25 and September 8-10 for unit tournaments in 2023. These are our usual dates.
- Paul will recruit a team for setup and tear down for the upcoming tournament. Linda will do a proposal on hospitality costs, keeping with the board's consensus that

we should continue to serve salads at lunchtime on Sunday (but not advertise it as “lunch.”) She will report back.

- The Election Party will be March 3rd 5th and will be a one session game again (same as last year). Participants are encouraged to play with someone new to them.

Marketing/Education (Kristen) –

- Kristin, Paula and Linda reported that classes at the Lake Oswego Community Center are going well with about 35 students participating. Happy Valley Community Center, Friendly House and several senior residences would also like classes – more volunteer teachers are needed.
- Paula said that the Unit has boards and cards, but the cards are old and sticky, and the boards cannot be accommodated in dealing machines. She asked for \$100 to buy a case of boards and cards for classes. The request was accepted unanimously.
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Volunteer Call Out (Kristin) - Kristin will be sending out an e-mail to all unit members asking for volunteers in a variety of capacities including:

- Teaching live bridge
- Teaching online bridge
- Mentoring
- Help with website and/or social media

New Board Member Recruitment (All) – The board will need 3 new board members. We had asked Karen Douek to join last year but her joining was deferred, so she will be one of the candidates. Several names were proposed as possible candidates for the other two new board members for the upcoming term. Board members have volunteered to speak to the candidates in the order they were “ranked” at the meeting.

The District Representative position is renewing and the board selected Sheri Markwardt as our new representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Dee Poujade, Secretary