

## UNIT 487 BOARD MEETING MINUTES -March 10

**In attendance: Paula Koeller, Linda Redman, Linda Rountree, Paul Walker, Tara McMahon, Karen Douek. Absent: Carol Holman**

PBC, March 12, 2024, ~5pm

- The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:05PM
- Review of ballot/election process summarized by Tara McMahon. It was a smooth process. The ballot box and key will be kept either in the Unit 487 storage locker or at Karen Douek's home. Paul Walker raised the issue of eliminating term limits to the board. This topic was tabled for discussion at the next Board Meeting.
- Paul Walker was re-elected to the board. There was an election of board officers held. All board members were elected to their previous positions. Paula Koeller reelected as President; Tara McMahon as Vice President; Linda Rountree as chair of Hospitality, Linda Redman continues as Chair of Social Bridge, Karen Douek continues as secretary, Carol Holman continues as I/N Coordinator and Paul Walker will continue as Treasurer and Tournament Manager.
- **Social Bridge update:** Paula Koeller spoke and emailed with Dave Brower and communicated Dave's proposal for some changes to Sunday Social Bridge. Dave does not want to stop giving Introduction to Duplicate Bridge classes but would like to change it to once a quarter with more promotion of the class. He suggested having a potluck on the day of the Intro to Duplicate Bridge class and to advertise the event several weeks in advance. In discussion, about Duplicate class it was suggested by Paul Walker to schedule it several weeks before sectionals-late in May or early June and the 1st Sunday in September so new duplicate bridge players who just took Dave's class, may be interested and more confident in participating in sectionals. In terms of overseeing Sunday Social Bridge, Dave Brower recommended reaching out to several bridge players in the community to see if they would be interested in volunteering to oversee Sunday Social Bridge. He does not think that it's necessary for a Board Member to be the overseer. Several names of suggested volunteers were given to Paula Koeller and she will give these to Tara McMahon, who will reach out to them and determine a schedule for SSB. Linda Redman would like to have first pick of the Sundays and the other Sundays will be open to volunteers and if there are still vacancies, Board Members. A motion was made and seconded to continue with Duplicate Bridge Class for at least two more sessions, one in ~ early June and another in ~ early September with a potluck preceding the class, then reassess its success and this passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to allow volunteers to oversee SSB and this was also passed unanimously.
- **Increasing 0-199 participation at Sectionals:** Paul Walker gave a recap of a Zoom meeting held to encourage 0-199 players to participate in Sectionals. Participants in the meeting were: Paul Walker, Carol Holman, Linda Redman, Kristin Jackson. Suggestion was made to have a table at the Sectionals for the 199er's to help with orienting them to the Sectional and to answer any questions. Karen Douek, greeter, to direct them to that table where instruction given there will include: How to fill out a convention card, etiquette, etc. Kristin Jackson has volunteered to be an ambassador. Also to help

encourage 0-199 players to participate, Karen Douek to email Zach Woodbury who runs a social bridge game at PBC if he is ok having Linda Rodman talk to that group about joining the ACBL, participating in tournaments and club games, etc.

- **Retaining and Recruiting of ACBL members:** Karen Douek to reach out to Carol Holman about contacting lapsed members. At previous meeting Carol Holman was to email them based on the ACBL list and Karen Douek was to call those with no email. See above about talking to Zach Woodbury's group about joining ACBL. In addition, Linda Rountree and Paula Koeller to promote joining the ACBL to bridge class members at Lake Oswego Adult Community Center.
- **New Business:** Tournament calendar for 2025 discussed. January 31st-Feb 2nd will be reserved for the Winter sectional. Paul Walker asked if the Board Members agreed to holding the sectional on that weekend. The Al Khader Shrine Center is available and he would like to reserve it. A motion was made and seconded to reserve the Shrine Center for those dates. Passed unanimously.
  - Ask Elks Milwaukie for security deposit back of \$400 in 2019. Paul Walker suggested putting the money down as a loss, however Tara McMahon volunteered to call and ask for the money to be returned.
- **Next Board meeting** is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2024 at ~2:45 at PBC.
- **Meeting adjourned** at 5:45 pm.