

Unit 487 Board Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2024, 2:45pm

1) Meeting called to order at 2:45 pm; in attendance Paula Koeller, Tara McMahon, Linda Redman, Linda Rountree, Paul Walker, Carol Holman and Karen Douek (via phone). Sheri Markwardt, D 20 representative joined by phone.

2) Approval of March minutes: Motion made to approve minutes by Linda Redman and seconded by Paul Walker. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3) June Sectional Review:

- Tournament Manager's Report

- Successful tournament. Table count total was 166 tables.
- There was \$504 worth of free plays. The free plays included 0-5 mp attendees and our janitorial and tournament set up and take down volunteers.
- The board voted to reimburse Portland Bridge Club (PBC) \$500 for marketing support.
- After all expenses, \$922 of positive net flow was added to the Unit's banking account.
- The Board agreed on the Sectional dates for 2025, which are: January 30- February 2nd, June 20-22, and September 12-14.
- After brief discussion on location of future Sectionals, continuing at Al Khader Shrine Center was voted on and passed, 6 in favor, 1 abstain.
- Welcoming 199er players at the Summer Sectional went very well. The same format will be followed at future sectionals. (For further information, see below under SSB)

- Treasurer's Report

- June financials- please see Unit 487 website for financial details.
- Year over year assets are increased by \$3400. There is ~\$47,800 of financial assets in the Unit 487 account. Over \$16,000 of this amount is in CD's which will mature in September 2024.

- Physical Assets inventory was completed by Paul Walker and can be found on the Unit 487 website.

4) Sunday Social Bridge (SSB) update-Volunteers and board members are supervising SSB . Carol Holman to send a brief email to promote the August 25, 2024, “Taste of Duplicate”, a week or two before the event.

5) Update on new/novice players participation in Sectionals and Club Duplicate Games:

- Overall efforts were successful in getting newer players to participate in the Summer Sectional 199er game, as there were 4 full tables on Friday and 7 on Saturday. There was discussion about increasing participation in newer player games at Portland Bridge Club (PBC) and at upcoming Sectionals. For the Fall Sectional, the newer player game will be a 299er game. Tara McMahan proposed that a way to encourage newer players to register for the game was to emphasize that this will likely have more participants so the potential for getting more points is present.

- Carol Holman will teach another Tournament 101 session at SSB, she will decide on the date and will send an email to SSB participants to promote it.

-Reinstating Friday night mentorship game was discussed or a supervised play game or a combined mentorship and supervised play game. This is to be discussed further in a subcommittee of Linda Redman, Paula Koeller, Carol Holman and if she is able, Kristen Jackson. The subcommittee will report back to the board on its progress at the next board meeting.

5) Update on 5/5/5 Program:

- Our efforts to reinstate lapsed and at-risk members and getting new members was very successful. Our unit was at 124.24% of our Retention Activity goal for this quarter. Because our unit met its retention goals, our unit receives 15% of the unit’s total membership dues, an increase from last year’s 11%. The emails and phone calls to lapsed and at-risk members will need to be done every 3 months (Quarterly) by volunteers. Currently, Carol Holman (emails) and Karen Douek (phone calls) have volunteered their time.

6) Update from the Unit Presidents Meeting:

- Entry Express will not be available for pre-registration for Sectional tournaments for another 1-1 ½ years.

7) September Sectional:

- Transportation

- Discussion on how to better provide transportation to the Wilsonville Sectional location was discussed. It was recommended that in the first email announcing the sectional there be a statement about contacting Paul Walker if there are transportation issues. Paul volunteered to contact Barbie Pyles from the Vancouver Bridge Club to see if she would help coordinate ride shares from that area to the Sectional and to work with Jennifer Samuels to create a ride share flyer.

-Hospitality

- Karen Douek will help with hospitality in September, as Paula Koeller will be out of town.
- Bathroom cleaning- Paula to organize cleaners of the bathrooms for the event. They will be given free plays at the tournament.
- Publicity-Paula Koeller to send out a save the date email in early August. Tara McMahon and Paul Walker will help with content. A follow up email will be sent 2-3 weeks prior to the Sectional

8) I/N Sectional at PBC: Paul Walker proposed this idea and will discuss with PBC club owners.

9) Next Board Meeting: October 28th at ~ 2:45 pm, following duplicate bridge game at PBC

10) Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.