

## **FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Paula Koeller, Tara McMahon, Paul Walker, Carol Holman, Karen Douek. (board members) Attending via phone was Sheri Markwardt (Unit 487 representative to the District 20 Board).

Meeting called at 2:45PM:

January minutes: Carol Holman made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Tara McMahon; all present were in favor.

### **1)Review of Winter Sectional-all members**

a) Financials:

-176 tables.

-Board duplication was successful.

-Hospitality collected \$300 in donation jar.

-The board will reimburse the club \$500 for club closure. Paul Walker made the motion to reimburse them \$100 for use of infrastructure support. This was seconded by Paula Koeller; all present were in favor.

-Retained revenue from the tournament was ~ \$1450-the profit supports the lunch provided at the election party in March.

-Free plays for the 0-5 MP group was discussed and the plan going forward is to continue to provide free plays

b) Hospitality: no issues to report

c)Director issues: discussed: Paul Walker tournament manager received feedback from players regarding a couple of episodes of interaction between the director(s) and players. The feedback was reviewed by the manager, a detailed discussion followed with a player; then the manager reviewed these instances with the director in charge. He has our feedback and will act accordingly to assure these instances are not repeated.

d)Clean-up: Plan going forward is to wait until the game is over. There were some complaints about the noise level

e) Caddying: no issues to report

f) Turnout of newer Players: poor. Carol Holman to do a lesson on introduction to tournament play before the summer sectional and see if can encourage newer players to attend

**2) Summer Sectional (June) Games Schedule**-discussion by Paul Walker. Plan is to have a 0-299; 0-2000; open and bracketed Swiss events. There was discussion about how to get newer players to attend the sectional, no decisions were made.

### **3) Election Party Planning**

a) Number of tables: Restrict to 27 tables-Paula Koeller made the motion and seconded by Tara McMahon; Karen Douek in favor; Linda Rountree and Linda Redman voted in favor (gave their proxy to Paula Koeller); Carol Holman abstained; and Paul Walker objected. Final vote was 5-2 to restrict to 27 tables. Reservations will be required-this is to be communicated by email and announcements at PBC. We will also ask PBC to put on their home page that reservations are required for election party and that the number of tables will be restricted to 27. Karen Douek will contact the owners of PBC to have them put this on their home page. The flyer does indicate that registration is required

b) Hospitality: managed by Linda Rountree

c)Clean up: Hiring people to clean after the election party

d)Announce that people need to vote. Elliot Wahba will count ballots; Karen Douek who is the secretary will keep a tally. Looking into a Bluetooth speaker to make announcements as both amplifiers are broken.

**4) AED for the club**-discussion that the Unit would be responsible for the AED if one acquired. Inquire with ACBL what is required. Paula Koeller to research what is needed (certification, cost etc) and report back to the board. Paul Walker to find out what insurance issues there may be.

**5) Bank CDs for the unit**- Paul Walker discussed the possibility of reinvesting in 2-month CDs because of better rates. Paula Koeller or Karen Douek are the two board members able to reinvest the CDs. Paula Koeller will discuss with banker at Chase Bank.

**6) Scholarships**-More discussion needed...; to be discussed at a future meeting.

**7) Retention and Renewal of members**- continue as we are doing. Reviewing the report every 3 months->sending emails and making phone calls

**8) Other Business-**Organize a Battle of the Columbia with the Vancouver club. Kevin Marnell to spearhead it and will contact Paul Walker to coordinate the event.

**9)Description of duties** for departing members (Tara McMahon and Linda Rountree): Tara has written what she does as part of being on the nominating committee and her duties regarding social bridge. Linda Rountree will leave a detailed summary of her as Hospitality duties (as the person in charge)

11) **Update from Sheri Markwardt:** Next Oregon regional will be in Vancouver but looking for new venues for 2027.

**10) Next Board meeting:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, after the election party game.

Meeting adjourned at 16:00.