

## **Unit 441 Board of Directors' Meeting (ZOOM)**

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**Attendees:** Vicki Hamende, Gary Griesmeyer, Bill Julius, Demeter Manning, Steve Brown, Henrietta Moore, Alex Rajala, Lynne Dearing, Kathi McKay

Invited attendee: Helen Miller, Olympia Bridge Club Owner

The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Hamende at 11:00 AM.

### **Order of Business:**

Primary purpose of meeting is to hear from Helen Miller about the Olympia Bridge Club.

### **Helen:**

**Support Your Club (SYC) on Bridgebase:** 80% goes to Clubs. This is prorated across the clubs that each player played in prior year. Helen presumes the reason the Unit received a small amount (\$108) is for a player who played in a Unit game but did not play in any Club games. Does not receive a report, simply an email to say \$ deposited. The remaining 20% is split 10% to ACBL and 10% to Bridgebase.

**Olympia Bridge Club:** Cannot yet open the physical premises. After we are legally allowed by the State of WA to reopen, Helen will need to confirm Directors for each game. At that time, Helen anticipates a slow roll while waiting for the CoVid numbers to decline, players to become comfortable with the physical presence, players vaccinated, and game directors to confirm they are willing and able to direct.

### **Finances:**

Rent – Landlord allowed \$0 rent to be paid for awhile. Helen later felt uneasy not paying. After members donated generously to Helen, she paid 50% of the rent. The lease ends at the end of 2021. There is a provision for her to request one more year (2022) at same rental rate. Bill asked if Helen will disclose the rental cost. She says \$2000 per month + utilities. The landlord sold the building recently. Helen is now paying full rent.

Demeter brought up the financial standing of the Unit. Demeter stated that the Unit paid \$300 per month rent to the Club each month of 2020 but we had no income from Unit games, other games, or Sectional. (We did receive \$108 for SYC from Bridgebase). Bill, Treasurer, says we have paid \$300 for January 2021. Demeter says we need a reserve to prepare for the Sectional Labor Day weekend if we run it. That decision will be made in a few months. Helen said she is all right if the Unit suspends the \$300 monthly rent to the Club until it reopens and games resume or to re-evaluate at the end of 2021 if we are still not open. Helen might have a loss by the time she reopens. That will depend upon how long before the Club opens. Helen requested that the Unit reminds players to play SYC.

Motion: Lynne moved for the Unit to suspend our payment to the Club effective February. Discussion ensued with one objection on procedural grounds. A special meeting for the purpose of discussion and vote whether to suspend the Unit's \$300 monthly rent payment to the Club will be scheduled this month on a weekday evening at/after 7:00 PM and an agenda emailed to all Unit members prior to the meeting. Because the meeting is Zoom, a Unit member interested in attending, will need to request the Zoom link from Vicki.

**Other items:**

Kathi reported that she has contacted two clubs and Unit 446 in the greater Seattle area to see if Unit 441 could 'piggyback' our monthly Unit game without setting up a separate entity. So far, only one response. Unit 446 has a Unit game but it is with no master points and no fee paid by players. The person, JC, only referred Kathi to the Clubs that she had contacted. Awaiting more information. A game can be set up at any fee we want to assign. We can also restrict the game to Unit members or be more open. Our choice. We choose how many games and the time allowed. Thus, we could set this at 15-minutes for three boards, similar to Speedball or other combinations for number of boards and number of minutes.

The Secretary position needs to be filled. Vicki asked if there are any interested. No one stepped forward. Vicki nominated Kathi. Confirmed by acclamation.

**Future meetings:**

Should invite all Unit members. Email that there will be a meeting and anyone interested to respond via email for the Zoom link. Also, email should allow input prior to meeting via email. Suggested days & times are Monday or Wednesday evening at/after 7:00 PM. Vicki will set the agenda and include in email to all Unit members.

Motion to adjourn: Lynne

Adjourned: 11:38 AM

**Addendum:**

The Special Meeting for discussion of the Unit rent to the Club will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM.