

Unit 441 Board of Directors' Special Meeting (ZOOM)

Sunday, March 7, 2021

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

The meeting via Zoom was called to order by President, Vicki Hamende at 11:30 AM.

Order of Business:

A Special meeting was called to discuss whether to host an in-person Sectional game in September. This was held via Zoom.

There were several pros and cons discussed.

- The ACBL has canceled in-person tournaments through July. They would like to know which units will be able to host a Sectional event after July. ACBL stated to do so only when a unit or club makes the decision it is safe re Covid-19.
- Bill Julius mentioned the costs to run the past Sectionals
2019 net revenue \$2752; costs: \$9321; income: \$12,073
Could cut some of the costs; is the past venue willing to go for less per day (was \$600+tax/day); fewer days, i.e., not four days;
- Expect participation to be lower than 2019
- Unknown Covid-19 virus situation
- The amount of time and effort to set this up
- Covid-19 restrictions and protocols we want to follow, e.g., do we: provide no food, require evidence of double-dose or J&J vaccine, take temperatures upon arriving, sanitizers at each table
- Demeter as Tournament Coordinator does not want to proceed with Sectional this year
- Lack of other on-site tournaments to advertise although we need to be thinking about more virtual advertising—through ACBL website, social media, emails to past competitors. Save the cost of printing flyers.

Kathi moved to table the decision to April. The Zoom meeting was ended due to the 40-minute time limit. When we resumed, there were only six Board members who logged back in. Their straw vote--instead of tabling the decision--was three to not host a Sectional event this year and three who were positive or undecided. The decision was to table the decision to the April quarterly Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 PM.

Submitted by: Kathi McKay, Unit Secretary

