

## Unit 441 Board Meeting Sunday, April 3, 2022

Meeting called to order by Vicki at 11:05 AM

Present: Bill Julius, Demeter Manning, Kathi McKay, Kim Johnson, Lynne Dearing, Paul Sekulich, Vicki Hamende

Absent: Alex Rajala (arrived at 12:05) & Dee Woods

- I. Vicki welcomed our newest Board member Dee Woods (absent). Dee was selected by the Board members at the January 2022 meeting to finish Henrietta Moore's third year. Vicki reviewed the format prior to the Unit Game to approve the amended By-laws and to present the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney awards for 2021.
  1. Vote to consider the updated 2022 Unit By-laws – Paul Sekulich will review the changes and highlights and Vicki will request a vote.
  2. Presentation of Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney awards for 2021 – Vicki will announce the awards and names for each 'Race' and Kathi will distribute.
- II. Minutes of January 9, 2022 Meeting  
Minutes were unanimously approved as distributed.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Bill  
Bill Julius reported balances as: \$9228 +\$90 cash  
We paid rent on time, due April 4  
ACBL fees of \$55.14 were paid due in March
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Sectional - Is It A Go? Yes or No?
    1. Kim Johnson and Lynne Dearing have been looking for a venue. It has been difficult this year. Some places, such as, Land Yacht Resort, are not yet renting after Covid closures.
    2. Kim is up in the air but thinking we should make plans to run the Sectional event.
      - a. The Evergreen State College was one venue. Kim looked this week; it is not workable for our Sectional. One downside is the long walk from the parking lot.
      - b. Port of Olympia on Tumwater Blvd; 6000 sq ft; \$540/sq ft = \$2700/month
      - c. Capital Mall is one possible venue. They do not want to commit actual space until 90 days before the event (early June). Kim's thought is that Capital Mall will not fill all spaces.
      - d. Vicki asked Bill to call Thurston County Fairgrounds to sign an "Intent to Lease." This does not lock us in but will be a backup plan. The cost of the fairgrounds is \$750/day. Good parking but a couple miles from eateries and a few miles from hotels and I-5.
      - e. Demeter Manning stated that if parking is an issue and annoying, people leave the tournament early.
      - f. Location considerations: (i.) What do we have to provide? (ii.) What will the vendor provide? (iii.) Venue options are near eateries.
    3. Flyers are needed
      - a. Vicki was revising the 2020 flyer.
      - b. Vicki will request ACBL approval of updated flyer and can do that with the 2020 format and basic 'barebones' information.

- c. Vicki will mail flyers to key clubs.
- d. Need to display/offer flyers at upcoming sectional and regional tournaments—next week is Regional in Leavenworth. End of April is Sectional in Seaside.
- e. Vicki will ensure ACBL email announcement goes to key (nearby) units

Kim made a motion to hold the Sectionals for three days.

Discussion:

- a. Reduce from 4 days (the past years). Vicki commented that most of the Unit Board members' email comments have been to reduce to 3 days and be Saturday through Monday.
  - b. Days reviewed If three days, do we hold Saturday through Monday (the holiday) or Friday through Sunday?
    - i. Kathi encouraged Friday through Sunday. 2019 participation was 32 tables for teams on Monday, whereas Friday was 34.5 tables and Saturday was 36.5 tables. Also, Monday is a big travel day and players might want to head home before traffic gets bad. Family & friend picnics & gatherings are often on Monday.
  - c. Bill requested to revise Motion to include specific dates. These are Saturday-Monday, September 3-5.
  - d. Vicki presented for a vote:
    - i. Vote: 6 want 3 days; Demeter wants 2 days; 2 members absent.
    - ii. Sat, Sun, Mon: 6 voted yes; Kathi voted no (prefers Sat, Sun, Mon); 2 members absent.
4. Food/Lunch on last day: Kim motioned to exclude food. Demeter seconded.
- a. More discussion? We lose money. If we provide, it shortens lunch break time
  - b. Lynne suggested that we could have a food truck on the grounds if somewhere like the fairgrounds.
  - c. Most were concurring.
5. Should we offer lessons at the sectional? Demeter said that is usually for Regionals. Let's keep it simpler this year.
6. Partnership Desk volunteers: Vicki asked for a volunteer for each day. Several Board members chimed in that there are many tasks to be determined in the next few months and to note the Partnership Desk as one of the many tasks and then find the volunteers.
7. Vicki Hamende, President, appointed Kim Johnson as Tournament Chair.
8. Other discussion points re Sectional, mostly for planning and budget purposes:
- a. Lynne reported Portland Sectional in January had 58% of usual participation
  - b. Paul reviewed 2019 revenue and expenses and reported that we need about 75% participation to break even
  - c. Bill suggests we use: 20 tables as budget planning with capacity for 24 tables. Kathi reminded members that 2019 table count was as high as 36.5 tables on Saturday.
  - d. Fee to charge per session: Demeter made a motion to increase to \$13.
    - i. Paul: not eager to raise in this transition year. Plan to go with same: \$12.
    - ii. Kim: we are a non-profit. Keep fee at \$12.  
Vote Keep at \$12? 6 members; Demeter wants \$13; 2 absent
  - e. Prizes, Door prizes, swag, etc.: All agreed to not provide this year.
  - f. Tables, bridge boards, printed hand records with a fee are provided by the District.

- g. Coffee & tea: Does the venue provider provide? Do we provide? Need to consider water source; 5 gallon jugs. Local vendor? Decision to be made later after we know the venue.

9. Vicki is checking with ACBL about sectional sanction number

10. Beverages and Food

What do we have to provide?

- a. Snacks: Perhaps individually wrapped snacks
- b. Monday lunch? Decided not to provide. Perhaps a food truck
- c. Some decisions to be made after we know the venue and what they will provide.

V. New Business

A. Correct Board Members' email addresses:

- 1. Kim's correct email: [kimmrz60@reagan.com](mailto:kimmrz60@reagan.com)
- 2. Bill's new email: [billj4422@outlook.com](mailto:billj4422@outlook.com)

B. Milestones? When players reach specific masterpoint levels. Who should be recognizing the players? Each club director within the unit or the Unit? Brad used to throw a potluck party to honor the Olympia players. Vicki will discuss with Helen re the Olympia players and with Alex and Dave re their respective clubs.

C. May 1st unit game conflicts with Seaside April 29-May 1 Sectional and Regional  
Vicki suggested to postpone the unit game until Sunday, May 15, (May 8 is Mother's Day). May 15 is the Unit "8 is Enough" Swiss teams. Another suggestion was to move "8 is Enough" to either Sunday, May 22, Tuesday, May 24, or Thursday, May 26. There was quite a bit of discussion and decided we would forego the Unit game for May and keep "8 is Enough" as is on May 15. The premise for the decision was that we made the calendar and posted it and should not move special games around.

A motion was made and seconded. Vote whether to cancel the May 1 Unit Game:

In favor:6

Opposed: 2—Vicki & Alex

Post-meeting note: We later decided to continue with the Unit Game on May 1 as originally scheduled. During the April 3 Unit Game, some players realized that more players might be in town on May 1 for the Unit Game than originally thought. During the Unit Game Vicki asked for a straw poll from the players in attendance, how many will be away May 1 at Seaside. There were only a handful (about 8) players who raised their hands that they will be away. Thus, it was decided to continue with the May 1 Unit Game even if it is slightly less well attended.

D. Next board meeting Sunday, July 10, prior to the unit game (at 11 or 11:30 a.m.).

E. Standby players still needed for October 2, November 6, and December 4 unit games.

- 1. Kathi volunteered for November 6 and said she will not be able to be Standby on May 1 because she will be at the Seaside tournament.
- 2. A suggestion was made that Dee and Alex need to fill at least one, and better, two games. If anyone is only standby for one game, they need to step up. Board members should volunteer for about two standby duties per year. Board members who serve as directors (Demeter and Kim) for Unit Games are excluded from Standby duties.

F. Reminder by Vicki that we each have clean-up duties after unit games.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm by President, Vicki Hamende

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Kathi McKay, Unit Secretary