

**ACBL Unit 159
Annual Membership Meeting
October 27, 2024**

Call to Order

A quorum of 21 being present, the meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Ashley Erwin.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting, submitted by President Ashely Erwin, had been submitted to membership during the previous week and reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Kay White and seconded by Lorraine O'Donnell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Kay White presented the treasurer's report previously submitted to membership per bylaws. Ashley noted that due to additional donations made in memoriam, the \$1.00 additional fee that was to begin in January to play at the club was avoided for another year. At that time, the financial situation will be reviewed and if necessary, the additional amount will be added to the game fee.

New Board Members and Thanks

Nancy began by thanking the outgoing board members and presented the slate of new members to the membership. It was asked if there was additional nomination from the floor, there were none. Motion was made to approve the slate by Lorraine and seconded by Gustavo. Motion passed.

Ashley thanked outgoing members, the team that works on Saturday, to include Phil, CJ, Ellen and Jay, and also thanked Phil for his efforts with the teaching program at UTEP. He also thanked Dan for working to keep membership up at the games and helping to train/update directors.

President's Comments

Ashley shared his concerns about the future of the club. He indicated that recent developments regarding directors had placed a strain on the two directors we had, Ellen and Dan. He asked the membership to consider getting certified and asked recent directors to consider taking games in January. Notably Ashley indicated that Sunday may not survive if attendance is not improved. He also asked for input to improve attendance.

Some suggestions that were made were:

- Carpooling
- Sign up sheets for partnerships
- High Low games

- Follow Las Cruces' schedule
- Start the Sunday game earlier, 1230 pm
- Fewer games
- Sunday special events
- Raise the player total limit for Saturday games
- Create non-life master games

In Memorium

Ashley asked the secretary to acknowledge the players and family members that we had lost during the past year.

Gene Myers

Jerry Williams

Barbara Crew

Sis Hardie

Pam Vandertulip

Carolyn Fall

Barbara Dent

Branch Craige

Jo Beth Mann

Craig Adams

Club Manager's Report

The club manager did not present a report.

Adjournment

Reggie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gustavo. Motion passed at 1:24

Next Meeting

The next meeting is November 24th.