

ACBL Unit 159
Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2024, 12:15 p.m.

Call to Order

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m.

Attendees: Ashley Erwin, Gustavo Gonzalez, Kay White, Lorraine O'Donnell, Reggie Feuille, Lorena Moore, Bill Hickman, Scott Norris, Nancy Stockton

Approval of Minutes

Kay White read the minutes from the December 16th meeting. Reggie Feuille moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Gustavo Gonzalez. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Kay White presented the board with treasurer's report, year ending 12/31/2023. The balance for the year was \$3,819.00. Kay indicated that the positive balance was due, in large part, to the number and amounts of donations made in memory of members and their families who had passed away this past year. She said these memorial donations totaled nearly \$6,000. Reggie Feuille moved to approve the report for audit; Gustavo Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Ashley Erwin, Board President, suggested to the board that the time clocks be used for all Unit game. He mentioned that slow playing was a continuing complaint, and that members should become used to the clocks to reinforce that bridge is a timed event. He said that Bob Craig may also use them, but it would be optional for his games.

Ashely brought up a concern, considering the recent loss of club members and their families, that the Unit should send a card of condolences. A discussion indicated that we should pursue this practice, historically performed by Barbara Harrid. It was mentioned by Lorraine O'Donnell that it should come from the President of the Unit, representing the membership of the club. It was decided that he would ask Barbara if she would continue to do this and to revisit the issue.

Old Business

The February sectional has sign up sheets posted for donations of food and of teams. Gustavo said that he would work on getting caddies for the event. Ashley suggested that flyers should go out for approval soon for the September sectional (September 7th and 8th). Gustavo to be the Tournament Chair.

The new Monday game is doing well, with 5 ½ tables. People enjoyed themselves and everything went smoothly and pleasantly for everyone. It was mentioned during Bob Craig's well-received Q&A session that slow play was a concern to all and that the players would like this to be addressed.

The table fees will not increase until 2025, based on the sizable donations that people have made to the Memorial Fund. However, it is inevitable that fees will need to be increased to cover operational costs in the future.

New Business

Bob Craig will be taking the dealing machines to be serviced (\$400 to 500) at the Phoenix tournament and requested gas reimbursement of \$100 for so doing. Gustavo made a motion to approve, seconded by Reggie. Motion carried.

The February 3rd game will be cancelled due to the memorial to be held in remembrance of Barbara Crews.

Dan Anthony has volunteered to serve as a partnership contact on the website for those looking for partners at upcoming games. It was also noted by Kay White that Dan is declining the fees he earns as director to help the club save money, something greatly appreciated by all board members.

Club Manager's Report

Scott asked that he be told whatever is needed so that he can address the club's needs in a timely fashion. Scott said he would check out the operation of the back room clock.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2/11/2024. (Recognizing it is Super Bowl Sunday.)

Lorraine O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kay White. Motion passed at 12:58.