

ACBL Unit 159
Board of Directors Meeting
June 16, 2024, 12:30 p.m.

Call to Order

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:27 p.m. by Ashley Erwin.

Attendees: Ashley Erwin, Lorraine O'Donnell, Gustavo Gonzalez, Kay White, Reggie Feuille, Lorena Moore

Others: Scott Norris

Approval of Minutes

Gustavo moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Reggie. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Kay White presented the board with treasurer's monthly report. Ashley noted that Amigo income was down because of decreasing attendance

Lorraine moved that all directors be paid so that the relationship of the club to its directors is consistent, even if directors chose not to take their salary. Motion carried. After discussion, Lorena moved to accept the the treasurer's report for audit and Gustavo Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried.

President's Comments

Ashley explained that directors had to qualify to be sectional directors. Currently, Bob is the only one who is qualified from our club. The pay is also different (\$301) to direct a sectional.

It was discussed that there is a need for more directors for our club, but finding a sectional director locally will be most difficult.

Old Business

Gustavo reported on the sectional. He said that good progress was being made relative to the checklist to ensure all activities (mailouts, etc.) are completed in timely fashion. It was brought out by Ashely that we want to be sure to send out information by email to all neighboring clubs to increase attendance.

ACBL did not award the grant to our club. Kay noted that we will not be able to apply for a couple of years.

New Business

After discussion, it was moved by Kay to give three teachers two free plays for their volunteer services in growing out game. Also, Ashley suggested that we recognize them in October at the annual meeting. It was noted that Peggy Craig works very hard with the website and also needed to be recognized.

Ashley reported that we have been cancelling some games but that 4.5 table count has been the average but appears to be dropping. It was suggested that it might be only because of the summer. Ashley noted that Lorraine had suggested the points be increased from 2500 to 3000 for the Monday game so that new players could be mentored by intermediate (flight B) players and to increase the table count. Ashley is going to ask the Monday players for their input. There was some discussion about the unfairness of the reputation that the club has for rude behavior, when in fact this is not the case. Lorena suggested that we consider a game with under 5 points and that the Saturday folks may attend this.

Bob had a director's meeting (the topics of which Lorraine presented at a Saturday training class and will do a second training on that list). Standards and norms for the directors were discussed and a greater level of professionalism to ensure customers/players have good experience. One upshot of this meeting was to create a partnership sign-up sheet.

Club Manager's Report.

Scott said we did not need new computers, but he could upgrade and update to Windows 11. He also said that we have a back up system and we are in good shape. For \$70 we can put Windows 11 on the main computer. After discussion, Scott suggested that he reinstall Windows 10 to make it faster and that upgrading was not needed since we had the compatibilities required for ACBL Score and Bridge Mate.

Scott said that the bridge email account could possibility get us a voice email account and we can have text messages sent to players, using Google voice. It was decided that we explore this as an enhancement in contacting players because 13 people do not even have email accounts. Ashely and Scott are going to learn more about this and report subsequently to the board.

A dry erase board is going to be installed for partnership sign up.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8/18/2024 at 12:30.

Lorraine O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kay White. Motion passed at 1:18.