



ACBL Unit 159

Board Meeting

January 9, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Patrick Haughey-President

Board Members Present: Patrick Haughey, Nancy Davis Stockton, Kay White, Dixie Wicker, Trish Adams, Dee Craig. Other members present: Ashley Erwin, Steve Nordberg, Scott Norris.

Motion to accept Minutes of December 19, 2021, made by Trish Adams, accepted by Nancy Stockton, seconded by Dee Craig, motion carried.

All Minutes will be sent via email for review, any necessary corrections made, and final revised copies delivered by email.

Treasurer's Report: Kay White

Motion to accept for audit made by Nancy Stockton, seconded by Dee Craig, motion carried.

Club Manager's Report: Scott Norris

Motion to re-use, rather than replace all 4x 4 tiles, made by Scott Norris, seconded by Dee Craig, motion carried.

Further discussion of Google Voice. To better understand the transition, Dee Craig requested that Scott Norris write up the necessary steps for the change from Spectrum to Google voice. Tabled until after the upcoming tournaments are over.

President's Report: Patrick Haughey

There will be a Presidents' Day Sectional Tournament. All participants must be fully vaccinated. Mask requirements will be announced a week before the tournament begins. If masks and/or bands are needed they will be provided by Dee Craig. Event Safety Coordinators are still needed. Ashley Erwin will recruit caddies. Tournaments will now be an extra \$1.00. Sign up for food and players is on the bulletin board.

Rosters will be updated by Kay White.

District 17 Update: Steve Nordberg

District 17 will no longer be part of the Western Conference. Any money for Grand National will stay within our own district. ACBL requires that during tournaments only one door can



remain open. In order to comply with Fire Safety regulations, we will lock the back door from the outside only, enabling people to exit, in the case of an emergency.

Phillip Dangel made a presentation regarding finances. Discussion ensued on the best way to manage current funds.

Motion to form a Finance Committee made by Kay White, seconded by Nancy Stockton, motion carried. Dixie Wicker has volunteered to be on the finance committee.

Date of Next Meeting: February 20, 2022

Adjournment: Adjourned at 1:17

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Adams



ACBL Unit 159

Board Meeting

February 20, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Patrick Haughey- President

Members Present: Patrick Haughey, Nancy Davis Stockton, Kay White, Dixie Wicker, Trish Adams. Other members present: Ashley Erwin, Steve Nordberg, Reggie Feuille.

Motion made to accept Minutes as presented, for January 9, 2022, made by Kay White, seconded by Nancy Stockton, motion carried.

Treasurers Report-Kay White

Motion made to accept for audit made by Nancy Stockton, seconded by Trish Adams, motion carried.

Tournaments:

Presidents Day Sectional- Netted Income \$400.00

Nancy Stockton expressed concern that we only receive 10% of income profit from local tournaments. Discussion took place, and a suggestion was made as to whether District 17 representative, Cindy Shoemaker, could put forward a proposition to ACBL that the amount might be increased. Tabled until after Zoom meeting(referenced below), which will be taking place later in the month.

Presidents Report:-Patrick Haughey

Scott Humphrey recommended that the pair team event be removed from September tournament.

Motion made by Kay White to remove pair team events from September Sectional, seconded by Nancy Stockton, motion carried.

Motion made by Kay White to change the 299er sessions to 499er, seconded by Nancy Stockton, motion carried.

All Future tournaments will run for 3 days, not 4.

Steve Nordberg suggested Pro/Am tournaments. 2000+/499 and below. Tabled for further discussion.

New Event -D17 Listening Forum. Monday February 28, at 4p.m. The purpose of the Forum is to give club owners, managers and unit presidents the opportunity to share their concerns and ideas with both the D17 National Rep and the D17 President.

Date of Next Meeting: April 3, 2022

Meeting Adjourned at 1:12p.m.



ACBL Unit 159

Board Meeting

April 4, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Patrick Haughey- President

Members Present: Patrick Haughey, Nancy Davis Stockton, Kay White, Dee Craig, Trish Adams. Other members present: Phil Dangel.

Motion made to accept Minutes as presented, for February 20, 2022, made by Kay White, seconded by Nancy Stockton, motion carried.

Treasurers Report-Kay White

Motion made to accept for audit by Nancy Stockton, seconded by Dee Craig, motion carried.
Motion made by Kay White to keep the directors fee at \$50.00 per session, seconded by Dee Craig, motion carried.

Tournaments:

Officers will be needed for the upcoming tournaments, Patrick Haughey suggested different officers should be recruited for each tournament.

Nancy Stockton suggested that we might try to develop another source of revenue to help the club cover its annual operating deficits. At current attendance levels, the club receives no financial benefit from holding a Sectional. All the proceeds we raise in the Sectional are going to the ACBL, and they have declined to consider a different revenue sharing arrangement. The question was raised whether we could investigate using an already sanctioned game, other than our weekly established games, as a fundraiser event.

Kay mentioned that she had just received an email from ACBL stating that our unit is paying for games on Monday and Wednesday daytimes that are not being attended. More information is still needed.

Dee Craig offered to contact Ashley Irwin, regarding this matter, and research the possibility of playing extra sanctioned games at the club.

Presidents Report: - A need was expressed to spray weeds in the parking lot. Scott Norris, as Club Manager will take care of it. Scott sent an email, following up on previous discussions regarding our internet and phone service, stating our phone number is eligible to be transferred to Magicjack. Details were outlined in the email. It was decided to wait on this. Scott would like to switch phone service but is waiting for an appropriate time.

Some concerns have been mentioned by players regarding

- a) neglecting to have Convention Cards ready to show during the game if a question arises.
- b) Hesitation by some players on calling the Director when a dispute occurs at the table.

It was decided that protocols and procedures during games might be addressed by Directors, and/or posted on a bulletin board.

Motion to adjourn made by Dee Craig, seconded by Trish Adams, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 1:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Trish Adams

Board of Directors Meeting June 5, 2022

Meeting called 12:21 pm Nancy Stockton, President

Board Member Attendees: Nancy Stockton, Dixie Wicker, Kay White, Dee Craig, Fernie Mabini

Member Attendees: Jay Woods

District 17 Representative: Steve Nordberg

Approval of BOD Meeting April 4 2022

Kay White requested a change to the minutes. Her motion to increase the director fees to a flat fee of \$50.00 was specific to the Club sessions. Dee Craig motioned to accept the minutes with the change, seconded by Kay White. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Club Manager's Report:

Kay White reported that the club will have a \$7000 to \$8000 loss based on projections for the year. Dixie Wicker requested information on the housekeeping schedule and fees. Kay White informed the board the current housekeeper pays for her own supplies. Her daily fee is \$35.00 per day, well below the average housekeeping charges. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Dixie Wicker. Seconded by Dee Craig, motion passed.

Old Business:

Switch in phone service == tabled until Scott Norris is present.

Financial Committee

Investments were tabled due to the current financial conditions.

New Business:

Election of New Board Members

Fernie Mabini and Reggie Feuille have agreed to be board members

Dixie Wicker motioned to accept them as board members. Seconded by Kay White.

Motion passed.

Election of Vice President and Secretary

Dixie Wicker will be Vice President, and Dee Craig will be Secretary until Club elections in October. Kay White motioned to accept. Fernie Mabini seconded. Motion passed.

Strategies to Address Operating Deficits:

Nancy Stockton highlighted the primary problem is attendance. The Bridge Club expenses are pared down to the bare minimum. Therefore, our only viable strategy is to entice people to return to playing bridge at the club.

Events such as the following are in process to increase interest and attendance.

September Sectional Tournament

An anonymous club member has volunteered to be a Sponsor for the September Sectional by donating \$2000 to the club. Ashley Erwin has agreed to be the

Tournament Chair. To expedite the application process, Dixie Wicker will contact Ashley Erwin and ask if he would like to determine the Hospitality and Partnership Chairs or have the Board approach members.

Steve Nordberg advised the Board the director assigned to our Sectional is amenable to directing Board-A-Match games during the tournament. Dee Craig made a motion to restore the Board-A-Match games to the tournament schedule. Dixie Wicker accepted. Motion passed.

I/N Event cosponsored by the Las Cruces Bridge Club

Nancy Stockton and Julie Reiser are working to have a 499 tournament., one day in Las Cruces and one day in El Paso. The plan is to approach ACBL and ask permission to allow a local director to manage the tournament. The date will be determined pending approval.

UTEP Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Bridge Lessons

Nancy Stockton approached UTEP's Community Outreach program to allow the Bridge Club to provide bridge lessons. UTEP approved. Phil Anderson and CJ Tompkins have volunteered to teach. Lessons will be held Mondays from 10:30 to Noon, starting September 12, 2022.

High-Low Game

Jay Woods requested a High-Low game be offered to the membership to entice the lower-level members to play bridge. Steve Nordberg informed the Board that High-Low games are challenging to manage as a director.

District 17 Update – Steve Nordberg

Highlights:

District 17 1007 members have not renewed, with 8000 active members.

June thru August North American Pairs games, culminating in Las Vegas in November.

ACBL has implemented new directives involving Virtual Online games.

ACBL advises Clubs to monitor local Covid levels – Level Red require masks during Club play.

Tucson is investigating hosting a regional next year; cost issues are problematic.

Date of next Meeting – July 10

Adjournment

Dee Craig motioned to adjourn. Dixie Wicker seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at approximately 1:15 pm.

Minutes and attached Treasurer Report submitted by Dee Craig, Secretary – June 6, 2022

Board of Directors Meeting August 7, 2022

Nancy Stockton (President) called the meeting to order at 11:59 PM.

Board Members: Nancy Stockton, Kay White, Fernie Mabini, Reggie Feuille, Dee Craig, and Ashley Erwin.

Club Manager: Scott Norris

District 17 Representative: Steve Nordberg

Past Minutes – Delores Craig

Kay White motioned to accept June 5, 2022, minutes.

Reggie Feuille seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Kay White

Submitted to the Board.

Options to trim the coffee service costs were discussed, including eliminating the coffee service company, using our coffee makers, or decreasing the coffee service from two to one unit. Scott will contact the service company to determine the breakdown of fees. Scott will ask for a breakdown of the coffee service fees. Dee Craig motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Fernie Mabini seconded. Motion passed.

Labor Day Sectional Update – Ashley Erwin (Tournament Chair)

Ashley Erwin notified local clubs and individuals via email.

Hospitality plans are going forward with no issues.

I/N 499 I/N Tournament

The ACBL sanctioned the scheduled tournament for October 29 in El Paso and October 30 in Las Cruces.

Pending approval by Las Cruces Bridge Club, the fee structure will be as follows:

Member Fees: \$20 pp for both sessions, \$11.00 pp for one session

Non-Member Fees: \$30 pp for both sessions, \$16 pp for one session

Profits to be evenly split between both clubs

Hi/Low Game

The tentative plan is to have it on a Saturday, from early October to November. The Board will ask Ellen Eastman, Saturday Game Director, if she would be willing to direct. Jay Wood will contact the 499 and below membership. Barbara Harrid will reach our 500 and above.

Annual Club Meeting

It is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, offering dessert service. Nancy Stockton has been working hard to find members for the Board positions and the Nominating Chairperson for the election.

Access to Parking Lot

Another request was made for permission to use our parking lot. The Board upheld its previous decision on not authorizing use due to liability issues.

Building and Liability Insurance

Renewal fees have increased significantly. Last year, the three policies (property, general liability for officers/directors, and umbrella) totaled \$3800. If all three policies are renewed, the total will be \$5300. Eliminating the umbrella policy will decrease the cost to \$4500. The umbrella policy increases the \$1 million coverage to \$2 million. Nancy Stockton reports our insurance advisor had no objections to eliminating the umbrella policy. Kay White motioned not to renew the umbrella policy. Reggie Feuille seconded. Motion passed.

Vaccine Requirement for Club Play

A request was made to the Board to consider eliminating the vaccine requirement for the club. After discussion, including CDC recommendations, the current high level of infection in El Paso, and liability issues, Kay White motioned to continue the established policy of vaccine requirements. Reggie Feuille seconded. Motion passed.

Phone Conversion – Scott Norris (Club Manager)

Changing the current phone access to Magic Jack will save the club at least \$400 per year. The MagicJack device connects to our current Spectrum Internet. It is dependent on retaining Spectrum for our Internet service. The phone service will change from Spectrum to MagicJack. The set-up cost is a one-time fee of \$19.95 for the one port and \$44.95 to \$59.99* for a year contract. Since the conversion may take between 5 to 10 business days, the changeover will occur after the Labor Day Sectional.

*dependent on what the ongoing special is at the time of conversion

Dee Craig motioned to go forward with the conversion. Reggie Feuille seconded. Motion passed.

Roof Repairs – Scott Norris (Club Manager)

The roof was repaired and resurfaced in 2018 by Phillips/Hoover Roofing and Construction with a 12-year warranty. While waiting for Phillips/Hoover Roofing and Construction inspection and repairs, Scott Norris applied over-the-counter materials as a temporary stopgap. David Hoover inspected the roof, commented on the “good work” done by Scott, and did NOT attempt to “redo” Scott’s temporary repair work. Scott reported they found an additional area and applied their product. Dee Craig commented that it was questionable that the company did not apply their product to the leak, primarily since they advocate the use of their proprietary roof products. Included with the minutes are 1) Pictures of the roof before and after repairs are included in the minutes, and 2) the Original Roof 2018 Contract (copies) **Note:** The roof surface is due to be resurfaced in 2030. In the meantime, Scott suggests we have it inspected periodically.

District 17 Update: Steve Nordberg District 17 Representative

Ruidoso and Alto have applied to shut down their units due to a lack of membership. Despite Steve’s attempts, he has not been able to contact Carlsbad. There is an upcoming tournament in Scottsdale (Speaking Rock). At that board meeting, they will be appointing a new District 17 member to the National Board.

Steve Nordberg’s term ends on 12/2023. He is not eligible for election.

Date of next Meeting: September 11, 2022



ACBL Unit 159

MINUTES – September 11, 2022

Call to Order by Nancy Stockton, President – Present Nancy Stockton, Fernie Mabini, Reggie Feuille and Kay White. Quorum verified. Also present, Ashley Erwin, Advisor, and Steve Nordberg, District 17 Representative.

Minutes – Previously sent via email. Motion to approve made by Kay White, seconded by Fernie Mabini, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Kay White reported we are almost at breakeven point for the year; however October insurance payment will cause a deficit. The tournament showed net profit of \$3,261; thanks to \$2,000 anonymous donation and the generosity of player donations. Special thanks to Dixie, Ellen, and Kay for providing Fri/Sat sandwiches; Reggie for morning goodies; and Scott for printing. Sunday meal by Olive Garden was \$266 (\$6.20 per person). Fernie Mabini made a motion to accept report for audit; seconded by Reggie; motion carried. (copy attached).

President's Report

- Discussion of Hi/Lo Game –scheduled Saturday, November 12. Details follow.
- Barbara Crews appointed Nominating Chair
- Club Membership Meeting October 23 – Kay to send out official notifications.
- Board members returning for 2023: Nancy Stockton, Dee Craig, Fernie Mabini
Nominated for 2023: Dixie Wicker, Reggie Feuille, Lorena Moore
- Update on OLLI lessons starting Monday, September 12
- Sanctions need processing for next year – Ashley will work the Dixie to complete.

Club Manager's Report – not available.

District 17 Update – Steve Nordberg reported that Ruidoso/Alto/Alamogordo are in the process of disbanding through ACBL.

Next Meeting – November 6, 12:15 pm

Motion to adjourn at 12:55 pm by Fernie Mabini, seconded by Kay White, motion carried.

Recorded by Kay White for Dee Craig



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MINUTES – November 6, 2022

Call to Order by Nancy Stockton, President – Present Nancy Stockton, Fernie Mabini, Reggie Feuille and Kay White. Quorum verified. Also present Barbara Crews; Scott Norris, Club Manager; and Steve Nordberg, District 17 Representative.

Minutes – Previously sent via email. Motion to approve made by Fernie Mabini, seconded by Reggie Feuille, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Kay White reported we are on target for \$4,000 loss in 2022. IN tournament had \$272 net (pending split with LC). Fernie Mabini made a motion to accept report for audit; seconded by Reggie; motion carried. (copy attached).

Board members elected at November General Meeting were Barbara Crews, Reggie Feuille, and Lorena Moore. Officer nominations: Nancy Stockton, President; Reggie Feuille, Vice President; Dee Craig, Secretary; and Barbara Crews, Treasurer. Motion to elect by Kay White, seconded by Reggie Feuille, motion carried. Nancy Stockton made the following appointments: Kay White, Bookkeeper; Lorena Moore, Hospitality; and Scott Norris, Sanctions.

February 2023 Sectional is February 17-19 with Ashley Erwin as Chair and Scott Norris as Co-Chair. Flyer has been submitted to ACBL.

New Student Game is being investigated for 2023.

Hi/Lo Game – scheduled Saturday, November 12. 1:00 pm with Ellen Eastman directing. All encouraged to attend.

Nancy Stockton is analyzing table counts and will make recommendations to increase revenue.

Club Manager, Scott Norris is still investigating possible roof leaks. Mr. Coffee pots have been purchased at a cost of \$50 for two units. He is packaging coffee at a cost of \$.62 per pack (versus \$1.50 previous cost).

District 17 Update – Steve Nordberg reported this is last year as rep; he is not eligible for reelection. Thank you for 10 years of service.

Next Meeting – December 11, 12:15 pm

Motion to adjourn at 1:25 pm by Fernie Mabini, seconded by Kay White, motion carried.

Recorded by Kay White for Dee Craig