

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2022

Location: The meeting was conducted on-line using ZOOM.

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Mark Boswell, Don Chase, Maureen Curran, Terry D'Amato, Diane Deutch, Ken Obrecht, John Welte, Kelly White, Mark Zellmer.

Absent: Jan Potts

The meeting was called to order by President John Welte at 7:00pm. Nine board members were in attendance, satisfying quorum requirements of six.

The minutes from the March board meeting were approved as submitted.

The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

President's Report:

John reported the March 2022 499'r tournament has a loss of \$1,064.24. The turnout was similar to the last 499'r event in March 2019. Compliments to Phyllis Siegel for directing this event and serving as partnership chairman.

May Sectional

Don reported he has sent 125 letters to advanced players inviting them to participate in the May Sectional.

Mark B said the recent ACBL National Tournament at Reno, Nevada had resulted in significant spread of COVID-19. ACBL has not shared any details.

Mike Carmen prepared a cost estimate for the May Sectional which showed a projected loss of \$3600. The projection was based on a 50% turnout compared to the previous tournament in May 2019 and the same entry fees as May 2019.

Ken Obrecht distributed a Responsibilities List for the May Sectional to help ensure all of the jobs are covered.

The May Sectional will have a COVID Coordinators. They will check vaccination status and give people dot stickers to show they're vaccinated. John will get updated list of vaccinated people from the St Louis Bridge Center. COVID Coordinators will be able to play in the events. Nametags will not be filled-in during entry to help prevent backups.

Kelly asked whether Phyllis could direct the 499r events at the May Sectional. Mark B had previously asked Mike Carmen to check on this with ACBL. Mark will follow-up.

Donuts will be provided for the Saturday and Sunday morning sessions. This was mentioned in the flyer. Prepackaged snacks will be provided at the other events.

All agreed the unit should tip the Jimmy John lunch delivery guy \$20 from unit funds.

Open item about the St Charles employee covering the event being available to help keep coffee, cups, ice, etc replenished? Mike Carmen was going to check with St Charles.

Life Master pins will be handed out just before the Saturday afternoon event. Mini-McKinney pins and Ace of Clubs recipients will also be acknowledged.

Terry asked people to take pictures with their phones and submit to her for posting on the unit website.

August Regional

Mark B and Mike C met with the Renaissance Hotel people. Mark reported the following:

The Renaissance people verbally agreed we won't have to pay the minimums called for in the contract. The Renaissance people did not explicitly waive the minimums.

We won't need as much space as previous events. The one large room and one other smaller room for storing things like director supplies.

Charges for the cancelled 2021 tournament were not discussed.

We have contracts for 2022 and 2023.

ACBL has advised units and districts not to agree to new contracts without first consulting with them. Some reduction in Regionals is expected.

After Mark's report, the board voted without objection to proceed with the Regional tournament.

Mark Z recommended placing an ad in the Bulletin with minimal information to keep costs down. The board voted without objection to place the ad.

Ken Obrecht will handle Bulletin advertising.

Mike Carmen will be asked to join the May board meeting to discuss the event schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Submitted by Secretary Dennis Abeln May 10, 2022.