

## **ACBL Unit 143 Special Board Meeting Minutes, Tuesday July 26, 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, Steve Russell, John Welte, Kelly White and Mark Zellmer.

**Absent:** none

The meeting was called to order by President John Welte at 7:03pm. Eleven board members were in attendance, satisfying quorum requirements of six (50%).

President John Welte had called the special meeting to consider spending \$3,000-3,500 for an ACBL director to support running the Gold Rush and 499er events in a separate playing space at the upcoming St Louis Regional Tournament in August. The cost was based on an email from Mike Carmen.

John presented an email documenting his phone discussions of today with the tournament's director-in-charge Peter Wilke. John reported that Peter stated ACBL cannot provide an additional director, that a local director might be acceptable to run the 499er events but not the Gold Rush events, that three other recent regionals did not have a separate playing space for 499ers, that the carpeted floor and high ceilings of the Renaissance Hotel's ballroom should alleviate noise.

So, the issue of whether to spend \$3000-3,500 was moot.

The availability and cost of a separate playing space for the 499er events was not known.

The availability and cost of a local director to run the 499er events was not known. There are eleven scheduled 499er events. The turnout for these events is expected to be quite low.

After discussion, the board voted 7 to 4 against providing an additional director for the 499er games. The issue of a separate playing space became moot.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Dennis Abeln July 26, 2022. Revised July 27, 2022.