

UNIT 116 of ACBL Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022 via Zoom 4:30-5:47 p.m.

Members present: John Bava, Sandra England, Barbara Landree, Kathy Pollock, and Barbara Libby.
Absent: Joyce Greenspan.

1. Minutes of the January 26, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. The treasurer's report was presented by Kathy Pollock and approved unanimously.
3. The final accounting for the Winter Sectional, January 21-23, 2022 shows a loss of \$1291. The attendance was very low, 30% of attendance in January 2020. The total cost of rent to Main Transit Fire Hall was high and other normal sectional costs including ACBL certified tournament director fees, and other fees were not offset by entry fees.
4. The solution for the April Sectional is either to cancel or substantially reduce expenses by holding a "downgraded" tournament as allowed by the ACBL.
 - a. John Bava reported that the Unit will get back the \$300 deposit already paid to the Main Transit fire hall. The site rental fees will be reduced from \$600 to \$250 per day if using a local bridge club.
 - b. Director fees will be reduced since the modified Sectional requirements do not include assignment of an ACBL certified tournament director.
 - c. The \$180 ACBL sanction fee will be waived and there will only be a charge of \$3.84 per table for each session.
 - d. Master point awards will still be silver points but at 65% of a normal sectional.
 - e. There will be 2 sessions each day on Friday and Saturday and Swiss teams on Sunday. This new tournament format was decided upon to reduce expenses rather than canceling at this time. The per-session fees for the Spring Sectional will be \$12 for ACBL members and \$16 for non ACBL members. Availability of coffee, tea and water and subs for the Swiss teams at the Sectional will be determined. Full COVID vaccination will be required for attendees with masks optional. A Google based survey to assess possible attendance at the Spring Sectional was discussed. Also sending out post cards and phone calls to members were raised as possibilities. Kathy Pollock will pursue these options.
5. The Unit 116 directory of members will be taken off the website to protect the privacy of members. However, after updating to begin at the Spring Sectional, it will be made available to Unit 116 members as a printed version or, upon request, as an email attachment. John Bava will consult with the ACBL about the legality of "electronic" transmission of personal information.
6. The following issues were raised during the open discussion,
 - a. Are letters of greeting going out to new Unit members? Barbara Landree is doing.
 - b. The ACBL paid up status of attendees at games needs to be checked.
 - c. Scheduling of Unit games at clubs is not done yet.
 - d. Since the rent for the Main Transit Fire Hall is high, alternate locations for upcoming Unit events must be identified by the board members.

The next meeting will be on March 1, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The following meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022 via Zoom.

Submitted by Sandra England.