

UNIT 116 of ACBL Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022 via Teleconference 4:30-5:09 p.m.

Members-present: John Bava, Sandra England, Barbara Landree, Joyce Greenspan, and Barbara Libby. Absent: Kathy Pollock who had provided prior comments.

1. This meeting was called solely to discuss the scheduled April 1st-3rd Sectional.
2. The accounting for the Winter Sectional shows a loss of \$1500, rather than the \$1800 loss we would have incurred in forfeited rent to Main Transit Fire hall if we cancelled the tournament at a late date. Such losses are not sustainable given the Unit's assets.
3. The proposed solution for the April Sectional is to substantially reduce expenses by holding a "modified" tournament as allowed by the ACBL. Various sites were discussed but it was decided that this event would be held at either the Airport Bridge Club or the Bridge Center at Buffalo.
 - a. Both of these sites have adequate space, are handicap accessible, and already have card tables eliminating the cost of table delivery. However, the exact number of tables at each site needs to be determined.
 - b. The daily rental fee is projected to be far less than the Main Transit fire hall and is negotiable. Both sites are to submit proposed rental fees to John Bava. The Unit will still lose the \$300 deposit already paid to the fire hall.
 - c. Director fees will be reduced since the modified Sectional requirements do not include an ACBL certified tournament director.
 - d. The \$180 ACBL sanction fee will be waived and there will only be a charge of \$3.84 per table for each session.

- e. Masterpoint awards will be reduced to 65% silver compared to a normal sectional.
4. The format for the three days will be 2 sessions each day on Friday and Saturday and Swiss teams on Sunday.
5. A discussion of including open and masterpoint limited games on both Friday and Saturday was tabled for later consideration.
6. The persession fees will be \$12 for ACBL members and \$16 for non ACBL members.

Next meeting is on February 15, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.
The following meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022 via Zoom.

Submitted by Sandra England.