

ACBL Unit 159
Board of Directors Meeting
May 19, 2024, 12:15 p.m.

Call to Order

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:28 p.m. by Ashley Erwin.

Attendees: Ashley Erwin, Lorraine O'Donnell, Gustavo Ganzalez, Kay White, Reggie Feuille, Lorena Moore

Others: Nancy Stockton, Scott Norris

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were sent out last week by email to all members and a correction was offered by Kay White. Lorraine O'Donnell moved to approve, Gustavo seconded, and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Kay White presented a new form that was liked by the board. Some edits to the form were offered and Kay indicated she would provide net totals and other changes going forward. It was mentioned that memorials keep coming in, and that Dan Anthony donates his director's fees. She mentioned that she submitted the required forms to CAD and that they accepted the old form.

Kay provided the following financial information:

As of 4/30

Checking	13,463.67
Savings	22,102.68
CD	20,470.15
Total Assets	\$56,036.50

	INCOME	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE
YTD 4/30	14,089	9,975	+ 4,114
BUDGET	25,620	29,900	- 4,280

President's Comments

The board discussed how games are better attended, even if inconsistent, but that the Wednesday game was doing better, but even it was cancelled last Wednesday. Gustavo said that he was contacted and asked to send out a survey about attendance at the games and why people don't attend more and different events. The board felt that they

knew why people did not go to all the open games, and Kay noted that Ellen had asked several seasoned players to help mentor, like Lorraine and others are doing on a Saturday.

Old Business

The September sectional information was sent out by Kay White to Crystal Mann at ACBL who should be contacting Gustavo with that approval. A follow-up will be sent out by Kay White because Gustavo has not yet heard back from ACBL with approval for the sectional.

The ACBL grant has not been approved yet by ACBL District 17 as of yet, according to Ashley, and he wants to follow up on emergency contacts for members. He asked that people be reminded, but it is strictly voluntary.

New Business

Director Refresher Course: Ashley mentioned that Lorraine took an online director refresher course put out by ACBL and that it was worthwhile, so it is recommended for all directors to take it online. It covers recent rule changes. There was discussion about people who allowed the unit to assist in getting new directors their certification, but some of the new directors opted out of actually directing, which means that the unit lost its investment in time and effort. This practice is discouraged, so those who take the test and pass should eventually direct.

Beginner Training Course: Phil has submitted a proposal to train again, and to have OLLI offer classes as well. Classes will start at 10:30 and end at 12:00 . A game will follow on Monday. It was suggested that bridge etiquette be a part of the game to help them move along. It was suggested that training, even on Saturdays, should include convention cards as well as bridge etiquette. Kay moved and Reggie seconded to approve Phil's proposal.

ACBL Bridge Classes: Bridge class announcements are going to be sent out by Ashley and also announcements about the new ACBL classes. Ashley recommended that it be sent out to all party bridge folks to encourage them to learn duplicate. He asked board members to forward that information to people that they know. It is not asynchronous, so people have to observe the times the course runs.

Other Items:

Kay mentioned that CAD needs the Articles of Incorporation and that next July is the 50th anniversary of the unit. She suggested a big party and to have a unit championship to honor the occasion. She thought maybe TV coverage or El Paso Inc. would cover it. Ralph Liguori is the only person who originally signed the founding documents who is still with us.

