

UNIT 207 Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
08/13/2020

Meeting called to order: 2:38 PM (via Zoom Meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Clements	X
Mickey Goldwater	
Linda Griffith	X
Cheri Gross	X
Sharon Hoger	X
James Moody	X
Sandy Potts	X
Dean Truair	X
Rita Wiegenstein	X

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Unit Meeting Minutes

Verified during Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting - July Minutes approved electronically and filed on Unit's website

2. Financial Report (Barbara Clements)

- Financial information including a balance sheet and profit/loss statement were provided to the BOD via email by Barbara Clements. Motion was made and seconded to accept the financial information – unanimously approved.
- \$1063.00 received from ACBL
- Unit Website and Scorecard charges paid

3. Membership Report (Linda Griffith)

1 new members and 8 transfers into Unit

4. Club Report (Rita Wiegenstein)

- Rita Wiegenstein contacted club owners to check on any concerns and ask if there was anything the Unit could do to encourage bridge participation in the online games.
- Two clubs responded with one club asking for the Unit to remind members to play on BBO.
- Sharon Hoger agreed to email club memberships explaining options for playing on BBO along with the partnership desk feature

5. Free Play Policy Update & "Welcome to Unit 207" Letter Update (Sharon Hoger/Linda Griffith)

- Linda Griffith and Sharon Hoger have worked on a Free Play Letter with the goal of increasing BBO virtual club play. A draft letter and draft free play certificates were provided to BOD members for review. The letter and certificates will be distributed to new and transferee Unit members.
- Instructions regarding the Free Play certificates for new and transferred members will be added to the BCA website, the Unit website, and the District website.
- Previous Free Play Policy (used for brick and mortar club play) is still in development.

6. Educational Committee (Sandy Potts)

Linda Griffith accepted the Chairmanship of the Educational Committee. Cheri Gross will update the ACBL Officer and Committee Chairpersons list for Unit 207.

7. Membership Retention Committee (Sandy Potts)

District level meetings have been held to determine how to increase membership both now and later as well as to explore educational opportunities for new bridge players.

Learning/Teaching Opportunities

- A “Learn Bridge in a Day” workshop will be offered that teaches Mini-Bridge. A direct link to BBO’s Mini-Bridge will be provided. Players will start with a Zoom meeting and then go to a table in Shark Bridge. When Tricky Bridge (the program that teaches play of the hand and then bidding) is launched, this will be a resource for these students. Beta testing of the Tricky Bridge program is in progress with goal to launch in Sept 2020. In the meanwhile, teachers will be more up to date with teaching bridge online.
- The Mentor/Mentee programs will be continued among Unit memberships.
- A Zoom social hour to facilitate social interaction among members, where people can meet online and/or to get to know new bridge friends will be facilitated by the District.
- All BBO Directors have been asked to continue enforcing the zero tolerance policy (inappropriate comments) during BBO online play among some players.
- Linda Griffith is working with Tracy Bruce to develop some online lectures.

8. Conflict of Interest Policy Update (Sharon Hoger)

Sample policies being evaluated for writing draft policy. Sharon Hoger will distribute draft policy for review and comments to the BOD.

9. WebEx Platform Limitations Update (James Moody)

Motion was made and seconded to use of Zoom platform (either free or paid) – unanimously approved.

10. Miscellaneous/New Business – None

Meeting adjourned: 3:23 PM

Action Items	Responsible	Status	Comments
Provide final draft of Free Play Policy to BOD	James Moody	Pending	
Provide Free Play Policy with redemption guidance to club directors/managers	Cheri Gross	Pending	
Provide draft Conflict of Interest Policy for BOD review.	Sharon Hoger	Pending	
Determine cost of obtaining enhanced version of WebEx Meeting	James Moody	Completed	Zoom platform to be used.
Update ACBL website with Officers and Committee Chairperson information	Cheri Gross	Pending	
Email club memberships explaining options for playing on BBO along with the partnership desk feature	Sharon Hoger	Pending	