

ACBL Unit 143 Special Board Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2021

Location: The meeting was conducted on-line using ZOOM.

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Mark Boswell, Maureen Curran, Terry D'Amato, Diane Deutch, Ken Obrecht, John Welte, Kelly White, Mark Zellmer.

Absent: Don Chase, Jan Potts

The meeting was called to order by President John Welte at 7:07 PM.

Minutes from the October 2021 board meeting had not been distributed. They will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

John announced Ken Obrecht has agreed to be Publicity Chair and Diane Deutch has agreed to be I/N Tournament Chair. John, Ken and Estella Lau will meet to hand off the Publicity job details.

John said the purpose of this special meeting was to revisit the October meeting's decision to cancel the January 2022 sectional. A motion was made to re-visit that decision and passed without objection.

The following measures were individually discussed and approved.

1. ACBL's guidelines for sectionals during COVID times will be followed, including proof of vaccination, hand sanitizer and safety coordinator.
2. All players and staff will be required to show proof of vaccination.
3. The tournament theme will be Welcome Back.
4. The entry fee will be \$5 per session. The unit will lose money on the tournament but unit finances are healthy due to continued distribution of dues from ACBL.
5. The tournament will be held at the normal venue - Blanchette Park in St Charles.
6. Drinks including coffee, tea, soda and water will be provided.
7. No food and snacks will be provided. People will be allowed to bring their own.
8. The game schedule will be the same as January Sectional held in 2021 except the Sunday 2-session Swiss game will have a 20 to 30 minute break for players to eat food they have brought.
9. The I/N games will be played in a separate room.
10. Notice of the tournament will be sent by email. Postcards will be sent to players who haven't provided email addresses.
11. Classes will be held before the two Friday sessions and the Saturday afternoon sessions, as has been done in the past.

The board then voted to reverse October's cancellation decision and instead proceed with the January 2022 Sectional tournament as scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Dennis Abeln Nov 4, 2021.