

Unit 487 Board Minutes  
Meeting of Tuesday, February 9, 2016

In attendance:

- Board members: Amy Casanova, Jan Clemmons, George Crawford, Peter Hepokoski, and Ginny Kopacz
- Alan Johnson (Tournament Manager)
- Nancy Jonske (Education Chair)
- Judy Kay (Treasurer)

Amy called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Portland Winter Sectional (January 29-31, 2016):

- At the close of the Sectional on Sunday, Camp Withycombe staff told Board members that the rental contract called for us to mop all areas, including bathrooms. Most were unaware of this responsibility. In the future Board members would like to know the contract terms in advance. We should find out if this responsibility is negotiable. One suggestion was for the caddy job description to include this task.
- Once again many players were cold, and the thermostat was no help. Alan will address this problem with Camp Withycombe.
- Alan distributed the tournament statistics. Attendance was down substantially from last year, due mainly to much lower NLM numbers, producing a loss in the \$600-700 range. So there are no profits to share with the clubs.
- A year ago Nancy and Ginny made many club visits to promote the Winter Sectional. We should encourage clubs themselves to promote these events, especially to the NLM players. The profit-sharing arrangement makes it in the clubs' best interests. Amy will write to the clubs about this.

Venue for Sectionals: Two potential downsides of Camp Withycombe are the location (vs. Kliever Armory) and the rent increase scheduled for 2017. Alan will discuss with Camp Withycombe a possible reduction in the 2017 rent. Without lower rent, the Board will strongly consider returning to Kliever. Amy will prepare an article for OBTY explaining our dilemma.

Club Sectional: The Board approved PBC's request to hold a NML Sectional July 16-17, 2016.

2017 Schedule: Neither Kliever Armory nor Camp Withycombe are available May 5-7, 2017, which were the dates we were targeting for the next year's Portland Spring Sectional. We agreed on June 23-25 as first choice and July 7-9 as second choice.

Unit Election Party (April 3, 2016):

- Bill Hardy will direct the open game. Judy will obtain a director for the NLM game.
- Peter will oversee the ballot count before the morning game.
- Peter has received the medallions to be presented to Mini-McKenney champions.
- Judy will buy the meat. Amy will arrange for rolls, butter and condiments. There will be sign-up sheets at the clubs so players can indicate what potluck items they're bringing.
- Jan and Peter will handle food set-up during the morning game and will pick up the meat.

- Our inventory of supplies is adequate, except that we need more large plates. Jan will bring the supplies.

Free plays: We clarified that the persons eligible for free plays at Unit Sectionals are all Board Members, Alan Johnson (tournament chair), Judy Kay (treasurer), Bill Hardy (webmaster) and Chris Demas (tournament supplies caretaker).

Education/outreach: Nancy reported that there are 16 students in the bridge class at Catlin Gabel this term, and a week-long bridge camp is scheduled for there in June.

Next meeting: The next meeting, originally scheduled for March 8, will instead be Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 4:00 PM at the Ace of Clubs. This will be the first meeting with the newly elected Board members.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 14 Board meeting were approved, although a note will be added before they are posted indicating the postponement of the March 8 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Hepokoski, Secretary