

ACBL Unit 539 Board Meeting
May 31st, 2022

Present: Lamy Agelidis, John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Sam Madison, Marjorie O'Malley, Jane Petering, Greg Chaffee, Wayne Sottosanti. **Absent:** Mary Rea

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

- **Minutes:** April minutes were approved.
- **Financials:** Greg provided the following updates:
 - He received the Jan to Apr bills from Sagamore. He will review them and process them as soon as possible
 - Financial statements for Jan to Apr should be ready by the end of this week or early next week
 - The Appreciation Party cost/revenue estimates seem to be in line of what we had before. Around \$3,000 cost and \$550 revenue. The bill from Mario for moving tables and other items from/to storage is still outstanding
 - The Tax Consultant we engaged has sent a letter to the IRS disputing the claim that we owe \$2,500. Greg believes that the letter was very well written and that we should have the IRS claim denied. Response from the IRS is not expected for at least 6 to 12 months. Having said that, it was agreed that a contingent liability for the claim should be included in the Financial Statements which can be removed once the IRS exonerates us. That is needed to follow financial reporting rules.
 - He also suggested that we should use her to prepare our Tax Returns for next year and onwards. Very positive about her ability to help us avoid future issues.
 - Greg informed the Board that he plans to resign effective June 30th. After a short discussion, he agreed that he will stay around until we find a replacement and a handover is completed.
- **Annual Meeting:** It was agreed that:
 - The annual meeting will be moved to a date to be determined (July). The date to be confirmed during our next Board Meeting. Greg will provide Lamy with a financial summary to announce during that meeting.

- Charles O'Malley has not, to date, received any emails from anybody stating interest in joining the Board
- It was agreed that, effective 2023, the Appreciation Party and the Annual Meeting will be held as one event. Date to be agreed.
- **F2F vs Online:**
 - Lamya reported very positive feedback from the Appreciation Party
 - It was agreed that we will hold our June 5 and the TLD game on June 19 F2F and review the feedback during our next Board Meeting to determine if we need to go back to online, stay F2F or a combination.
 - Discussed what food/snacks we will offer during these two upcoming F2F games. Lamya will check and see what we could have. Wayne will get them on Sunday prior to the games
- **ALZ – TLD:**
 - We are up to \$8,000+ to date.
 - The ACBL has sent an email out with our flyer (Sam forwarded the email to all the board members). They also agreed to post our flyer on their Facebook account
 - We also have a “banner” on BBO that will be on till June 20th
- **Sectional:**
 - Feedback indicates that we will have a good turnout for the games
 - Agreed that we will only use one room (The Captains Room)
 - Suggested is to announce a “limit” on the number of tables and have players “book” games in advance to help us plan better. All agreed that this will be helpful to us in terms of space and resources coordination.
 - The number of game days was discussed. We used to have 4 days (3 days sectional and one day Sunday unit game). It was proposed that we cancel the Sunday Unit Game. It was agreed to remove the reference to the number of days from the flyer and review over the next 4-8 weeks
 - The ACBL has agreed to allow us to continue using one Director from them and one local Director (Paul Darin) to run the games. This was an agreement we previously reached and the director cost savings will be significant.
- **Ray Sachs game:**
 - Ray and Maritha stated that they would like keep the dates as planned so the schedule now is as follows:
 - July 28th – Online game

- John Lagodimos will hold a F2F game on July 30th at Adams Avenue
- We will have our game on Sunday July 31st. We will review end of June and decide whether this will be online or F2F
- **Next Board Meeting will be held on June 21st at 9am.** The two main topics will be:
 - Feedback from June 5 and June 19 games to determine F2F vs online vs Hybrid approach
 - Date for the annual meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Madison - Secretary