

MINUTES
Meeting of Unit 231 Board of Directors
October 13, 2021

The Board of Directors for Unit 231 met via Zoom on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. John Markey, Unit President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Roll call. PRESENT: John Markey, Doug Althouse, Carole Spencer, Rich Rio, Connie Lyons, Charles Bricken, Teresa Hall, Thomas Newland, Sally Kizer, Necia Evans, Carol Robey, and Tom Gilpin.

1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting. A copy of the minutes will be placed on the Administration page of the Unit 231 website.
2. The Board accepted and filed the Treasurer's Report. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted not to post the Treasurer's Report on the Unit 231 website.
3. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to have every current officer, board official and board member serve through December 31, 2022. Unit Bylaws call for electing officers and board members all at the same time who serve for the same three-year period of time. Charles Bricken and Carole Spencer have been charged with updating the Unit Bylaws. As part of their work, they will look into staggered board terms.
4. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to dedicate the Unit 231 website to the memory of Bob Schulman.
5. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to engage Wild Country Studios to host, maintain and update the Unit 231 website at a rate of \$75.00 per month.
6. Rich Rio, Connie Lyons, Sally Kizer and Necia Evans provided information on the Blacksburg Club. The Friday game is averaging about 5 tables per week. A second game will reopen on Wednesday, November 3.

John Markey and Doug Althouse provided information on the Roanoke Club. Both the Tuesday and Thursday games have been temporarily suspended due to the illness of the director. The estimated time to reopen the Tuesday game is early November. Currently, players are expected to show proof of vaccination and to wear masks at all times. Doug Althouse is pursuing certification to become a director.

Tom Gilpin provided information on the Princeton Club. The club is averaging three tables per game. Currently, players are expected to have been fully vaccinated (no proof required). Outside the playing area, players are expected to wear masks. Gilpin is concerned about game attendance during the winter months.

7. John Markey provided an update on District 6 activities. ACBL allocated \$30,000 in charity funds to D6, which then allocated \$3,500 of the money to Feeding Southwest Virginia on behalf of Unit 231.

District 6 is working on plans to start a monthly, district-wide online pairs game in the early evening and to partner with D5 to offer an online, round robin team game.

Margot Hennings was elected for the Region 4 seat on the ACBL Board of Directors.

8. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to purchase a one-year subscription to Zoom. Carole Spencer will investigate the cost and logistics and report back to the Board.
9. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to investigate having the Unit Holiday Party at the Shenandoah Club in Roanoke. Sally Kizer, Hospitality Chair, and Carol Robey, Publicity Chair, will work on the logistics and report back to the Board. Suggestions and comments regarding other sites should be forwarded to them.
10. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to have a downgraded sectional tournament in 2022 which would offer silver points. John Markey and Doug Althouse will investigate the logistics of holding the tournament and report back to the Board.
11. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Carole Spencer, Unit Secretary