

## **ACBL Unit 143 Special Board Meeting Minutes, December 17, 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,

**Absent:** Don Chase, Jan Potts, Mark Zellmer

The meeting was called to order by President John Welte at 7:01 PM. Eight board members were in attendance, satisfying quorum requirements of six.

John explained that the purpose of this special meeting was to consider the cancellation of the January 2022 Sectional Tournament.

John had recently shared ACBL Covid Protocols for tournaments effective Jan 1, 2022. These protocols require masks if community spread is 'substantial or above' one week before the tournament starts. Kelly had previously reported the current community spread rate in St Charles is 'high.' Community spread rates are expected to worsen in January as the Omicron variant spreads.

Discussion centered around 1) the resistance to wearing masks, 2) the reluctance of players to participate if Covid conditions worsen, 3) the increased likelihood of very poor turnout and attending increased financial losses.

A motion to cancel the tournament was made, seconded and passed without objections.

John will work with Mike Carmen to inform ACBL and St Charles.

John will email a cancellation notice to the board and tournament stakeholders including Mike Carmen, Phyllis Siegel and Debbie Romero.

John will prepare a cancellation announcement for the Unit 143 website and send to Terry.

Kelly had sent email notices announcing the tournament. He will send cancellation notices to the same people.

Ken had distributed flyers to the clubs. He will notify them of the cancellation decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Dennis Abeln December 17, 2021.