Absent: Paul Hochfeld, Karla Layton
Present: Sandy Allen, Walter Dobek, Allison Evans, Dennis Harms, Becky McKenzie, Eileen Milligan, Mary Alice Seville

**Elect officers - Decision:** All 2017 offers agreed to serve again. Mary Alice will be president, Becky will be treasurer, and Allison will be the secretary.

**REACH (Regional Event at Club House) - Decision:** Do we want to participate in ACBL’s REACH program? Our Friday morning game is eligible. If we want to make the Tuesday or Wednesday day games eligible, we have to move the start time to 12:30. Wednesday might be a better candidate than Tuesday because fewer people play, and there is not a novice side section. Another option would be to add an eligible game in Saturday. This is no cost to anyone other than the specific individuals that want to take advantage of the opportunity. The only potential downside is the hands come from the Common Game. Because they are not stratifying the results and are instead pooling based on strength of field, it’s unclear how C players will be evaluated in this format. A motion to have REACH games on Wednesday Feb 7 (with a change of start time to 12:30) and Friday Feb 9th passes.

**Mentorship – Decision:** We have had substantial email discussion about the pros and cons of various mentorship options. At the last Board meeting, the Board noted that they liked the esprit de corps that comes with every pair at a game being a mentorship pair and asked the mentorship committee to consider that as an option. The mentorship committee suggested (via email) that if the goal is primarily to prepare advancing players for the open, then the “play with your mentor in any game that suits you” was the most appropriate format to achieve the goal. The committee also suggested that if the goal was to generate excitement while getting some mentorship, then the “everyone play in a mentor-mentee pair” was the most appropriate format to achieve goal. The committee also noted that we have had the later format 3 times and that players enjoy it, but in general it has not served to help advancing players feel more comfortable in an open. A motion that we have the “play when you want with your mentor” passed. We will start in March. We will suggest the first Sunday day, Friday night, and Sunday night as games that are particularly suitable for mentorship, but any game is eligible. Later in the year, we can consider a mentorship Swiss or an all-mentor-mentee pairs game if we also wish to fulfill the goal associated with those formats.