



The Unit 112 Bridge Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-Saturday, June 13, 2009 Utica, New York

Present: Walt Gable (Finger Lakes), John Gazak (Utica), DeWitt Henricks (Binghamton), Larry Kidder (Ithaca), Laura Krauss (Ithaca), Mark McDermott (Syracuse), Mike Mihevc (Utica), Mary Miller (Finger Lakes), Sharon Paulus (proxy for Anita Kuppermann, Syracuse), Robert Simard (Syracuse), Robert Simard had one proxy from Mary Kay Quiggle.

Visitors: Gary Philips (Syracuse)

Absent: Peg Clark (Rochester), Frank Cole (Binghamton), Norma Deambra (Oswego), Ruth Fornell (Finger Lakes), Brion Keller (Binghamton), Fran LeBoeuf (PP), Bull Moose (Rochester), Warren Marsland (Rochester), Lois Sanders (PP), Ann Sellers (Watertown), Deb Suller (Watertown).

President Robert Simard called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes of the January 10, 2009, board meeting and the January 10, 2009, Annual Meeting were distributed.

Secretary Walt Gable reported that he is compiling a spreadsheet listing all Board motions, unit policies, etc. that he can locate in the various unit secretary's files. So far he has gotten back to September 2003.

Motion (Miller-Henricks) to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2009, board meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the treasurer's report is attached.

Treasurer Laura Krauss reported that the STaC event earned more for the Unit than was expected, and the Rainbow Tournament eared just a little more than expected. She also reported that she had reimbursed Warren Marsland \$51.50 for new member packets mailed to new ACBL members in our Unit so far this year.

Motion (Miller-Krauss)—The board of directors is to decide what is to go into a new member packet and that Vice President Mark McDermott have a conversation with Warren Marsland about having these items go into this packet. This packet shall include: a welcome letter from the Unit President, a copy of the most recent unit newsletter, information about our unit website, and a free play to one session of a sectional tournament good for up to one year from the date of the mailing. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Bob Simard reported that currently no playing area within the Unit has expressed interest in hosting the 2010 Rainbow Sectional. If any playing area is interested, they should contact Bob Simard in the near future.

Newsworthy “information” from the various playing areas is needed for newsletter issues.

A complaint was expressed that bidding boxes used at Unit sectional tournaments are dirty. Given that different sets of bidding boxes have been used at the various sectional tournaments this year, it is difficult to pin point just which sets of bidding boxes prompted this individual’s complaint. Sharon Paulus and Bob Simard are going to work on “cleaning” the unit’s bidding boxes.

We have no site for the 299’ers sectional tournament scheduled for this October. Motion (Miller-Krauss) that the October 2009 299’ers sectional tournament is canceled. Motion carried.

Unit 112 gets a total of 24 “unit championship” sanctions per year. Various playing areas can make use of these for a two-session event that they wish to hold. A nice part of using one of these sanctions is that the event can be operated basically as a sectional tournament but does not require an ACBL game director. Bruce Toder, the Unit Tournament Coordinator should be contacted to obtain one of these sanctions.

The nominating committee needs to be working on preparing candidates for unit elections later this year. Norma DeAmbra is the chair, with Ruth Fornell as a member so far of this nominating committee. Others interested in serving on the nominating committee are to contact President Bob Simard.

Vice President’s Report

Vice President Mark McDermott reported that the recently held 199’er sectional tournament was very successful. Many positive comments were made by players participating.

Mark reported that he was given the charge by President Bob Simard to study the current regional tournament structure of having a unit business manager and two tournament co-chairs. Mark recommends that our structure be having one tournament chair, that the chair of the committee on caddies be from the playing area where the regional tournament is held, and that the chairs of the other tournament committees could come from any playing areas in the unit. He also recommends that this change in structure be made for the 2010 regional tournament.

Motion (Gable-Miller) – Starting with the 2010 Regional Tournament, the unit will have one Regional Tournament Manager, appointed by the unit president, and that this Manager can have an assistant. A job description will be compiled by Vice President Mark Mc Dermott in consultation with President Bob Simard. Also, the various committee chairs for the regional tournament will be appointed by the Regional Tournament Manager. Motion carried.

A moment of silence in memory of Judith Butcher was taken. Mary Miller suggested that this unit should look into having the Tuesday evening charity event at our Regional Tournament be in memory of Judy Butcher. Mark McDermott will look into doing this.

Jim Bridges, the Unit Recorder, has been looking into a incident earlier this year at a regular club game in the Rochester playing area. As there was no report from the Unit Recorder for this meeting, it was agreed that President Bob Simard would appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate ACBL and District 4 policies and procedures regarding how an incident of alleged violation of zero tolerance should be handled.

New Business

1. It was decided that the next Unit 112 Board of Directors meeting will be as follows:
Saturday, August 8th at the Regional Tournament in Liverpool
Saturday, November 7th at the Finger Lakes Sectional Tournament in Waterloo

Unit officer elections will take place at this meeting.

2. Committee chaired by Mary Miller to deal with promoting attendance at unit sectionals

The report of this ad hoc committee's meeting on March 14, 2009, was the basis of President Simard's column in the May 2009 issue of the Unit 112 Newsletter.

Motion (DeWitt-Mihevc) – The Unit President is to authorize this ad hoc committee to report back at the next unit board meeting in terms of what things can be done without financial expense and what expenses will be involved in other recommendations coming from this committee report. Motion carried.

President Bob Simard adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Walter Gable
Secretary Unit 112.