



The Unit 112 Bridge Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-Saturday, August 8, 2009 Liverpool, New York

Present: Peg Clark (Playing Area 1-Rochester), Frank Cole (Area 4-Binghamton), Diane Constantino (Area 6-Elmira) (proxy given to secretary), Norma Deambra (Area 10-Oswego), Walt Gable (Area 8-Finger Lakes), John Gazak (Area 3-Utica), DeWitt Henricks (Area 4-Binghamton) (proxy given to secretary), Larry Kidder (Area 9-Ithaca), Laura Krauss (Area 9-Ithaca) (proxy to Mary Miller), Anita Kuppermann (Area 2-Syracuse), Diana Laurant (non-voting; newsletter editor), Fran LeBoeuf (past president), Warren Marsland (Area 1-Rochester), Mike Mihevc (Area 3-Utica), Mary Miller (Area 8-Finger Lakes), Mary Kay Quiggle (Area 6-Elmira) (proxy given to secretary), Lois Sanders (past president), Anne Scharmach (Area 2-Syracuse), Robert Simard (Area 2-Syracuse), Debra Suller (Area 5-Watertown)

Visitors: Craig Robinson (District 4 Director)

Absent: Ruth Fornell (Area 8-Finger Lakes), Brion Keller (Area 4-Binghamton), Bull Moose (Area 1-Rochester), and Ann Sellers (Area 5-Watertown),

President Robert Simard called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Secretary's Report

Motion (Kidder-Gazak) to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2009, meeting of the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Secretary Gable also reported that he has provided board members with a hard copy of his compilation so far of the policies of Unit 112 taken from the minutes of board meetings going back as far as 2003.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of treasurer Laura Krauss from this meeting, it was reported that if questions were raised, they would be referred to Laura for answering. Warren Marsland has requested that the treasurer provide a balance sheet showing the current assets and liabilities of Unit 112.

Motion (Gazak-Cole) to accept the written treasurer's report. Motion carried.

A copy of the treasurer's report is attached.

President's Report

President Bob Simard reported on the highlights of the June 2009 District 4 board of directors meeting.

The President announced several changes in leadership positions within Unit 112. Mark McDermott has resigned as the Vice President. Dan Boye has replaced Jim Bridges as the Unit Recorder. John Gazak replaces Warren Marsland as the Membership Chair and the Unit Electronic Contact

Old Business

1. the Mary Miller chaired Ad Hoc Committee to Increase Sectional Attendance

Mary Miller referred to the written committee report first presented to the Board at its June 13th meeting. (See attached copy) She emphasized that the next step in the process is that this Board needs to decide where to go—that some things should go to an ongoing committee to implement.

District 4 Director Craig Robinson reported that studies show that large tournaments have increased their attendance while tournaments under 100 tables are decreasing in attendance. Studies also show that food helps attendance. He also said that there is the concern that weekly charity games at clubs may well be hurting attendance at sectional tournaments.

After further discussion a motion was made (Suller-Mihevc) to appoint a committee to draw up guidelines for running sectional tournaments in Unit 112. It was the consensus that this committee would be

created. It will be co-chaired by Deb Suller and Mary Miller. They will secure additional committee members and proceed to work on this task.

2. Fran LeBoeuf's recommendations for master points milestones awards from the unit

Fran spoke about her recommendations for changes to the master points milestone awards given by the unit. (See attached report). Discussion followed.

A motion was made (LeBoeuf-Gazak) that Unit 112 replace the current master points awards as recommended in the LeBoeuf report. A motion to amend was made (Marsland-Miller) that this be an alternative (option) to what is currently being presented as gifts. Motion to amend was carried (9 to 8 vote). The amended motion was then carried.

Lois Sanders will continue as the Awards coordinator.

New Business

1. 199'ers event

Mark McDermott came into the meeting briefly for this item of business. He spoke about the success of this event and his plans for holding another such event on Saturday, September 26, 2009. He also encouraged local clubs to get more of their newer players qualified for the Flight C of the North American Pairs.

It was the consensus of the unit board that Mark should continue with his plans.

2. enhanced unit website

Following some discussion a motion was made (LeBoeuf-Deambra) that Unit 112 create a new website that stands by itself with its own tournaments page. A motion was made (Deambra-Mihevc) that this motion be tabled until the November board meeting.

It was requested that Laura Krauss share her proposed enhanced unit website with all board members prior to the November board meeting.

3. unit's Rainbow tournament event

Anita Kuppermann raised concerns about the annual Rainbow tournament that has been conducted largely under the auspices of the unit treasurer. In the discussion, Mary Miller pointed out that her ad hoc committee had suggested holding a unit-wide charity event. By consensus this idea was supported.

4. unit newsletter v. enhanced unit website

A motion was made (Miller-Gazak) that after 2009 we eliminate the unit 112 newsletter and replace it with the unit website with the understanding that the webmaster maintain the information on a timely basis. Motion carried.

5. Sharing of information about Executive Committee actions and communications

It was the consensus of the board that the highlights of Executive Committee communications and actions taken on between board meetings should be shared with all board members.

6. the next Unit 112 Board meeting

facts: Saturday, November 7th, starting at 9 a.m., at the Finger Lakes sectional tournament in Waterloo.

A main item of business will be the election of Unit 112 officers for 2009. Norma Deambra is the chair of the nominating committee. She will secure other committee members as she wishes.

Another item on the agenda will be the tabled motion regarding an enhanced unit website.

President Bob Simard adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Gable
Secretary Unit 112