

Minutes of WBL Board of Directors Meeting  
April 11, 2018

The meeting was held at Carole Banks' home.

In attendance were Board members: Ellen Cherniavsky, Linda Marshall, Carole Banks, Eileen Houghton, Lloyd Rawley, Alex Gretsinger and Hadi Abushakra. Also in attendance were Donna Rogall, Bulletin Editor and Brad Theurer, Tournament Chair.

President Ellen Cherniavsky called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the March 14, 2018, WBL Board of Directors' meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Herb emailed the Treasurer's report ahead of the meeting. Highlights of the report include the following: (a) first quarter entry fees for the unit game are equivalent to those recorded at the end of the first quarter of 2017; (b) the decrease in the amount of free plays handed out and the early receipt of the GNT fees have led to an additional \$3,800 in revenues; and (c) numbers for the January 2018 Sectional were significantly higher than those of the January 2017 Sectional. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Unit Game Report

The Unit Game Report was accepted.

Bulletin Report

Donna emailed the Bulletin report ahead of the meeting. Highlights of the report include the following: (a) 92 copies of the January/February/March 2018 WBL Bulletin were printed at [docucopies.com](http://docucopies.com) for \$125.04; (b) 37 subscription copies were sent by first class mail at \$0.71 postage per copy; (c) Eileen took 35 copies to send to new members; and (d) the rest were offered at the April Sectional and unit game for \$1 each. None are left to be given to newer players in the 0-20 game. Posting and printing the new bulletin will have to take place after April 16 (the initial deadline) because Donna is still missing certain items such as bios and pictures. The Bulletin report was accepted.

Website Committee Report

Donna informed the meeting that she has gone through a busy period ( primarily extra volunteer work for the WBL, plus some family obligations and other responsibilities) and has consequently made little progress on building the new website. She assured the Board that the website will go live by June 1, 2018, at the latest.

### **Tournament Committee Report**

The meeting complimented Brad on the running of the April Sectional. Brad informed the meeting that there was little to report at this point in time. He updated the meeting on Pianola which will remain a free service through July 2018. WBL will have to pay for that service on a "pay as you use" basis starting August 1, 2018. Once Brad is quoted a price (to continue using Pianola), he will submit a proposal to the Board for approval. The October 2018 Sectional is the next tournament to be impacted by Pianola.

### **Recruitment of New Board Member and Ombudsman**

Ellen informed the meeting that Adrienne wants to step down as Ombudsman, and that Melissa Price is willing to replace her. On the other hand, efforts are underway to recruit a new Board member.

### **Participation of ACBL Non-Members in the NLM Sectional**

The Board resolved to subsidize new players that are not ACBL members at WBL Sectionals. The amount of the subsidy is equivalent to a one-month ACBL membership fee. ACBL lapsed members are not eligible to receive this subsidy. The Board also resolved to continue the policy of allowing the relevant Sectional director to collect a \$5 recruitment reimbursement from ACBL.

### **Potential Amendment to WBL's Constitution Regarding Elections**

The Board resolved to form a constitutional amendment committee to be chaired by Hadi, with Ellen and Linda as members. The objective of this committee is to propose amendments to the WBL Constitution to be submitted for approval at the 2019 members meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, June 6, at Linda's house (assuming she will be elected President).