

WBL Board Meeting

December 13, 2017

The meeting was held at Donna Rogall's home.

In attendance: voting members Herb Shulken, Alex Gretsinger, Carole Banks, Linda Marshall, Chuck Dearolf, Lloyd Rawley, Clyde Kruskal, and Ellen Cherniavsky; nonvoting member Donna Rogall; guests Brad Theurer, Murat Berk, Don Berman, and Isabelle Thabault.

President Ellen Cherniavsky called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Website Committee Report

Don Berman and Donna Rogall presented the report of the website committee. Donna will be the WBL webmaster; Don is retiring from that position. Donna is working with products of several providers to determine which is best. After that, Donna and Don will do a proof of concept to make sure everything works. Donna will populate the data and make the website look good. Once the website is up and running, some data will be uploaded to the website by the people involved in the related functions (though Donna may need to do final inputting before the information becomes visible to users of the website).

Donna proposes going to 4 bulletins annually, putting more content on the website, continuing to assume some of Bill Cole's volunteer responsibilities, and retaining the same compensation as if we were publishing 6 bulletins.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the 10/25/2017 meeting were approved, subject to the changes with changes as agreed by email before the meeting and the correction of a typo (in the discussion of the holiday party, "desert" should be "dessert").

Treasurer's Report

Herb Schulken distributed a profit and loss statement for November 2017. The WBL made a net profit of \$1076 in November. This includes a payment from ACBL of a portion of member dues, and four unit games. Herb is working backwards from November to reconcile the accounting. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Bulletin Report

Donna Rogall had previously circulated a bulletin report with details regarding the recently published November/December 2017 WBL Bulletin. The deadline for the January/February 2018 WBL Bulletin is January 15. It will be published around mid-February.

Holiday Party

Clyde Kruskal reported that latkes, blintzes, ice cream, and fruit will be served at the holiday party on 12/14. Donna Rogall, Rebecca Allen, Rose Berman, and Jim Geist have volunteered to help set up and prepare (along with Clyde).

Tournament Committee Report

Brad Theurer reported that the free trial of Pianola (a marketing tool) will expire soon. Brad asked ACBL about it, and there has been no decision of what happens after the free trial is over. This is still being negotiated. The tournament committee will have a conference call regarding the January sectional next week.

Learn Bridge in a Day

Ellen Cherniavsky circulated Dick Wegman's reponse on behalf of the WBL Educational Foundation to an inquiry regarding whether they would be interested in conducting a Learn Bridge in a Day class. The Educational Foundation is not going to conduct a LBIAD class. After some discussion, we decided not to hold this as a freestanding class in the near future. Murat Berk suggested running the class together with the NLM sectional.

NLM Sectional Date

Murat Berk reported that they have identified several weekends in April and May that are possible dates for this sectional. After some discussion, we decided to schedule the NLM sectional for May 19-20.

2018 Unit Game Schedule

The 2018 unit game schedule was circulated and approved.

0-20 Teaching Game Update

Isabelle Thabault presented a report on the status of the 0-20 teaching game. The game had been running at 5-8 tables but is now down to 3 or 4 tables. Some of the players have recently graduated to the NLM game, and some graduates of the 0-20 game continue to attend the lesson before playing in the NLM game. Isabelle distributed flyers advertising the game. She suggested we post them around locally to advertise to people who might be interested in

learning bridge. Leslie Shafer has started a night bridge class. Some of those players may be interested in our 0-20 game. Isabelle would like to augment the content on the novice tab of the website.

KO/Round Robin Update

Chuck Dearolf presented an update regarding the WBL KO and round robin events. The deadline for signing up for the KO is January 18th. The January 11 GNT qualifier will be used as a factor for seeding but will not be the sole source for seeding. The committee plans to be stricter about deadlines for the round robin this year.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 17th at Ellen Cherniavsky's home.

President Ellen Cherniavsky adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Marshall, Acting Secretary