District V Executive Board Meeting By Zoom March 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Present: Barb Bacon, Jim Overcasher, Sandi Bross, Sharon Fairchild, Davis Heussler, Dian Petrov and Barbara Grzegorzewski

Absent: June Threlkeld and Jim Knirsch.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Contract has been received for the Pittsburgh Regional. It should be signed soon. There will be a \$500 deposit due 30 days after the contract is signed.

There is an Erie site that has some potential. Davis explained the details of the site. It is a Days Inn right off the freeway. It is adequate but not huge. There was an issue with the temperature in the playing area that is concerning. Hopefully the space heaters will make it comfortable enough. The guest rooms were fine and the temperatures there were good. There is no elevator but there are lots of rooms on the first floor.

We decided to try to have the tournament. Hoping the temperature will be OK. It needs to be in the contract that there will be a bottom-line temperature requirement. There must be a firm budget for hospitality. Davis will come up with a budget and work with Frank on this.

Raising entry fees for our Regionals was the next item discussed. We should not go above \$20. If we don't have prizes, we would have more money for hospitality. Davis moved to raise the entry fee to \$16 starting in October if we aren't supplying lunch and up to \$20 with lunch. Barb G. seconded. Motion passed 5-1.

Davis asked about running a third STaC. It brings in income and doesn't cost. We agreed that we could schedule one now and then have the committee looking at our tournament schedule look for the best time to run the STaC in the future.

At the Executive Committee in June, we need to discuss Pittsburgh's wish to take over the regional. We need to discuss all the details.

In addition, Unit 185 wants to dissolve their unit. Barb is working with Memphis to figure out what needs to be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Fairchild, Secretary.