

ACBL UNIT 112 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2024

Present: Jim Austin, Doug Bradley, Jim Carroll, Pam Cuda, Ornit Grossman, Betsy Hartnett, Richard Hurd, Brion Keller, Kathy Landon, Diana Laurent, Stephen Mast, Mark McDermott, Mike Mihevc, Mary Miller, Joyce Monroe, Jim Patton, Mary Poplawski, Pat Stadelmaier, Sandy Stockton, Betty Youmans. **Absent:** Bruce Toder.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Betty Youmans.

Betty thanked Jim for organizing the meeting and putting together the information packet.

Minutes of October 14, 2023: Joyce informed the Board that her name had been omitted from the list of attendees at the October minutes. The correction was made. **Minutes Approved (Mary & Pat)** Betty asked Doug to post them on the Unit website.

Treasurer's Report:

Mark said we are on target with the budget we created last year. Mark said we lost \$3,200 because of supplies we bought. Since June there has been no activity. For the rest of the year we should have as much income as expenses.

Assets and Liabilities: We have \$26,000 through the end of June. We only made \$400 for the first 6 months – projected \$700. We should make \$750 by the end of the year

Stephen asked Mark why he has \$5300 in the U.S Treasury Fund since that rate is slightly below the money market rate. Mark said in a different scenario if rates are going down, the value of tax free funds goes up. He is waiting for rates a little bit longer to make more profit. **Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report – Approved. (Jim, Pat)**

Ratification by Executive Committee: Betty announced that the Executive Committee agreed to the purchase of 14 new card tables. **Approved by Committee.**

Old Business:

Lapsed Members and At Risk Members: Betty's understanding of the ACBL's funding is: 5% automatically if members sign up; another 5% if we add old members, and 5% if we add new members. Betsy Hartnett said she has called many members but a lot of time there is no answer or people are now older and not playing any more. Betty said the ACBL is looking at the figures and may revisit the issue. It is her understanding we would still get credit for the contact. Even if you know they will renew, you should call them. Betty said there have been a lot of glitches. Mark said it has been a headache for him; however he finally found a site on the ACBL website. However, he still can't figure out the second 5%. He said maybe our Unit could get credit for the money we are spending to award players who go up in rank. Betty said there is a District meeting on Wednesday, and she will mention the free plays and awards we give out.

Finger Lakes Regional Report: The Regional made a little bit of money because we only had 3 directors as opposed to four the year before. Attendance was lower. We are changing the date next year to June 9-13, 2025 so as not to conflict with the NABC in Philadelphia and to avoid conflict with Regionals in nearby districts. People were not happy with the boxed lunches.

New Business:

The District 4 Board of Directors meeting was June 20, 2024. The minutes are available online.

National in Philadelphia - Mary and Lynn will be in charge of Registration and would appreciate anyone who wants to help out during the week.

Lancaster Regional – Betty said we need a representative from our area if anyone is interested.

Oswego Sectional (September 21 & 22, 2024): Betty received a letter from Michael Nupuf, President of the Oswego County Bridge Association asking if the Unit would be willing to cover some of their financial loss they incurred from the Sectional. However, before the Unit Meeting the request was withdrawn. Diana said Mike felt the Board was not willing to support him. Mary said she has been on the Board a long time and many years ago a whole tournament was cancelled due to the weather and the Board reimbursed them the whole amount. The consensus was that we should cover their expenses. Betty made a motion the Unit send them \$570. Kathy seconded. **Motion Approved.** She asked Mark to send them a check for the \$570 and a letter that the Board wants them to continue their efforts to hold sectionals.

Classes: Diana said they are having new classes in Oswego. Betty said she is starting private lessons at her new apartment complex. Jim said in Rochester there are 2 new lessons at the Rec Centers.

Officers: Betty presented the following slate of officers: Herself as President, Jim Patton – Vice President; Sandy Stockton – Secretary; Mark McDermott- Treasurer and Richard Hurd – Member-at-Large. Betsy nominated these current officers and Mary seconded it. **Motion Approved.**

Upcoming Sectionals: Jim said they are having a local director for the October Sectional in Rochester which will save \$700.

Finger Lakes Sectional in Lyons: Mary is going to offer training on how to play Swiss Teams since many of the newer players aren't that familiar with them.

Richard said Mary had given him a sheet on how to play IMPS and he is still using it. Betty said he might want to share that.

A motion was made to Adjourn the Meeting: Kathy/Rich

The date of the next meeting will be announced later.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Stockton
Unit 112 Secretary