

Present: Betty Youmans, Jim Austin, Noah Bell (for Ornit Grossman), Doug Bradley, Jim Carroll, Pamela

Cuda, Betsy Hartnett, Ken Kallio, Ken Knight, Diana Laurent, Kathy Langdon, Mark McDermott, Mike

Mihevc, Mary Miller, Joyce Monroe, Pat Stadelmaier, Jim Patton, Mary Poplawski, Denise Slattery, Bruce

Toder, Steve Younger (for Richard Hurd).

Absent: Sue Manning, Richard Hurd, Ornit Grossman, Brion Keller

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

President's Report: Minutes of the March 22, 2025 meeting had been distributed to board members for

final review. After approval, they were presented to Doug for posting on the web. Mark McDermott stepping down as Treasurer as of year-end.

First Congregational Church of Canandaigua will receive an ACBL Charity Grant of \$8,000 as a grant

submitted by Mary Miller.

Executive Committee approved establishing a committee to explore alternate sites for the 2026 Finger

Lakes Regional; Penn Yan was selected.

Upcoming Sectionals: Rochester: Intermediate/Newcomer – October 24-25,

Lyons: November 8-9, StaC:

November 10-16

District 4 Board of Directors meeting: October 31, 2025. Noah Bell volunteered to be the fourth

representative from our Unit.

Betty thanked Kathy Langdon for her years of service and announced that Kathy will serve as auditor this

year.

Next year is an election year for officers and Betty suggested that anyone interested should make it

known.

Treasurer's Report. Current cash balance about \$27,000 through September with expectations of

gaining about \$1,000 by year end. A 2026 preliminary budget was presented based on nine month's

actuals. Report and budget acceptance motion (Jim and Denise), Motions carried.

Old Business. Unit Sectional & StaC Races/Awards: Tremendous amount of work required. Mary Miller,

Ken Kallio, and Noah Bell volunteered to assume responsibility for gathering the information for two

awards.

New Business: Ken Knight elected Treasurer for 2026. (Jim moved and Denise seconded) - carried. Sue

Manning Elected Secretary for 2026. (Pat moved and Mary) - carried.

Resolution motion: Resolved – Kenneth Knight is authorized to buy, sell, and

trade securities and transact banking business for the Unit 112 of the American Contract Bridge League in accordance with the chapter and bylaws of the Unit as of October 18, 2025. (Jim, Joyce) carried. Amendment to Bylaws: Motion to amend Auditing and Treasurer spending controls and to move the appointment of an auditor responsibility from the Executive Committee to the President and expand the audit scope to include assuring spending was authorized. Approved as amended and will be presented to full membership (Jim, Mary) carried. The proposed Amendment is attached to the minutes.

Motion to reimburse Oswego \$676 for their Section loss. (Denise and Mary) – carried.

Discussion: Betty announced that ACBL may no longer pay the Unit for emailing players whose membership is about to lapse. Mary suggested we push back because the emails with a link to ACBL is effective.

Bruce proposed that thought be given to a Unit Championship. The Executive Committee will explore this idea.

Growing local games: Mark commented about the lack of Pro-Am tournaments. These were fun and helped newer players learn and meet the “elite” players. Betty will write to the Club Directors and suggest they resume Pro-Am tournaments.

Discussion regarding expanding team games. These are fun and offer a spirit of comradery. Mary has been producing some games and has thoughts regarding how we might proceed. She will present a proposal in the spring.

Betty has applied for a \$10,000 grant from Yates County Tourism Board for support of the Finger Lakes Regional. This would be to enhance hospitality with the intent to make this a “go to” event. Committee formed to recommend enhanced hospitality support of Regional. Mary M., Betty, Noah, and Mary P.

Betsy Hartnett announced that they will be holding an 8-week introductory bridge course in Syracuse.

Their flyer will be shared by the group.

Unit 112 website. Jim pointed out that the Unit website has little activity and recommended it be enhanced to make it more useful. A committee of Jim, Mary, Doug, Noah, and Laura Kraus will explore this and make recommendations.

Next meeting: TBD  
Adjourned: 10:45am  
Respectively submitted  
Ken Knight, Unit 112 Secretary