

ACBL UNIT 112 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES BLDG., WATERLOO, NY NOVEMBER 16, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

Present: Pat Stadelmaier, Dan Boye, Mark McDermott, Betty Youmans, Mary Miller, Sandy Stockton, Lois Sanders, Richard Hartz, Richard Hurd, Eileen Schuchman, Kathy Landon, Mike Mihevc, Jim Carroll, Bob Simard, Jim Patton, Ornit Grossman, Jerry Manioci, Diana Laurent, and Mary Jo Whitehead. Proxy received from Mary Kay Quiggle.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Pat Stadelmaier.

Minutes of September 22, 2019 were approved (Jerry, Mary).

Treasurer's Report: Mark submitted the Income and Expense Report and the 2019 Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The estimated balance for 2019 is \$26,843.00. Pat stated that more money would come in next week after the StAC games

Jim asked why we didn't spend the \$5,000 allocated for education. Mary explained there was a teacher's meeting scheduled but too many people cancelled so it wasn't held. Also, "Bridge in a Day" was not renewed but will be for 2020.

A suggestion was made that if an area cannot afford food that we subsidize the cost. We did return money to Ithaca since they were not allowed to bring food in for their tournament.

Broome County lost money at their recent tournament. A suggestion to repay them is tabled until we see the total figures.

Mark indicated at the present time we are getting .03% interest on our money at Citizen's Bank. He indicated he has his money in T. Rowe Price and it is redeemable any day. He has never lost money in the five years he has had his money in it. Mark proposed that with \$27,000 and our annual budget running \$10,000 or \$11,000 that we consider putting \$10,000 or \$15,000 (or some other amount) into one of the funds. Betty made a motion that we put \$10,000 in an account; Mary seconded it. Motion carried. Jim P. made a suggestion we should put \$15,000 or \$20,000 in. Kathy said she was not comfortable with either of those amounts. Jim P. made a motion that we increase the amount another \$5,000. A vote was taken and there were 7 Yeses and 7 Nos so we will go with the \$10,000. Rich made a motion to approve the budget; Mary seconded it. Motion approved.

Cofor Fund: Mary said this fund was set up for second place trophies and the annual interest would pay for them.

Free Plays: Kathy and Mark will work on a new form that clubs send to the treasurer with information from local sectionals. This form notes how much the clubs owe Unit 112 for sanction fees. It also lists all the free plays but they are not broken down in any way.

Honorariums: Bernie Gorkin is responsible for tracking all the trophy races.

District 4 Report: Betty reported that the NAP Flight B will be held in Webster next year. There will also be new regional tournaments for non-life masters.

Tournament Schedules for 2020 and 2021. Much discussion was held on the number of tournaments our Unit should request. Mike said the District would like us to cut our sectionals down to 6. Dan said they will not support 3 Rochester sectionals. They feel they are losing attendance because there are too many tournaments. Attendance is what the District is looking at. If we drop in attendance then we might have some leverage. The following comments were made: Eileen felt we should put all the dates through; Mary doesn't think we will have to cut any more in 2021. Rich said there should be a report of addresses of people who go to sectionals. Ask Bruce to look at the Buffalo schedule before scheduling any of our sectionals. Mary said we should encourage people to go to all sectionals. Mike will submit the following list of tournaments for 2021.

March 27 & 28 – Rochester

June 12 & 13 – Syracuse

July 11 & 12 – Rochester

Sept. 12 & 13 Syracuse

Sept. 24 & 25 – Utica

October 8 & 9 – Rochester

October 15 & 16 – Binghamton

Nov. 12 & 13 – Waterloo

Pianola Services: Mary said the ACBL picked up the cost but we knew we would have to pay some time so we need to subscribe to pianola services for 2020. Kathy said we should limit the number of people who have access to it.

Education/IN: Had a meeting of teachers and the District is going to put money into an account in different areas. Get intermediate players certified to teach beginners. Limit the number of students. Have teaching assistants teach a class of 7 or 8 tables. The ACBL has said if club officials and teachers sign up a new member they get \$10.00 per student and would get \$30 from ACBL if they signed up a member for three years.

Pat suggested having a meeting prior to the March sectional.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (Betty & Kathy). Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary, Unit 112