

**ACBL UNIT 112 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 30, 2023 @ 4:30 PM**

Present: Doug Bradley, Jim Carroll, Pam Cuda, Phil Geibel, Ornit Grossman, Kathy Landon, Diana Laurent, Mark McDermott, Mike Mihevc, Mary Miller, Joyce Monroe, Jim Patton, Bob Simard, Eileen Schuchman, Sharon Steinberg, Sandy Stockton, Betty Youmans.
Absent: Richard Hurd, Mary Kay Quiggle, Pat Stadelmaier & Bruce Toder.

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President Betty Youmans.

Minutes of September 23, 2022: Minutes Approved (Kathy/Eileen).

Annual Meeting: Betty announced that there would be a short meeting before the start of the Sectional on April 15, 2023. Ace of Clubs certificates, Mini-McKenney certificates & medallions, Online certificates and Unit Awards will be available at the Sectional.

Old Business: Jim asked about the status of Face-to-Face (F2F) games being held:

Oneonta has 3 tables at night.

Canton has not been able to have a f2f game yet but are hoping once the snowbirds come back, they will.

Oswego – 2 games a week – 4 tables.

Doug said Rochester has two f2f games; he had a NLM game on Wednesday which he moved to Tuesday so now he has 15-16 tables; Bruce tried a game on Monday, but he ended up cancelling that one; however, on some Saturdays he has a game in Perinton and usually has around 5 tables.

Vestal – Eileen said they have 3 tables on Friday afternoon but hoping it will increase when the snowbirds come back.

Mary has two games, M evening (NLM) and Th afternoon.

Ithaca – 2 games – Monday and Thursday – 5 ½ tables

Syracuse – Bob said they have 5 tables.

Encouraging Players to Become Directors:

Mary said that Tara and Nicholas recently took the Bridge Instructor's Course at the National. Betty said the Unit would be willing to pay their fee if anyone is interested in taking the course. Eileen said their club has a new director who didn't want to be reimbursed. Diana said they have 4 certified directors – one of whom that is taking the class is assisting them.

New Business:

Best Practices Workshop

Mary said that District 4 will run a Best Practice's Teacher's Workshop in conjunction with the Valley Forge Regional. It will be a two day class. They are only going to charge players \$50 to take the course instead of \$200. **Motion was made that the Unit would subsidize the \$50 for any player who wants to go and take the class. Motion approved. (Mary/Mark).**

Free Plays for Advancing Players:

The Executive Committee recommended that the free plays be sent to the Director of the player's club so that the directors could personally announce the achievement. **Mary made a motion that we accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Motion approved. (Kathy/Jim)**

Unit 112 Trophies:

Betty said since we only have 3 Sectionals last year, we ended up with ties in the Trophy races. After some discussion, it was decided if there is a tie, we would give multiple first place awards and no second place award. If there was no tie, we would give a first and second place plaque. Winner will get the same free plays as before (two for first, one for second.) If a player does not want a plaque, none will be order. There will be no alternative offer.

Betty asked for a volunteer who would be willing to determine the Trophy Race winners next year. Joyce volunteered.

2022 STaC Participation Report:

Betty announced 272 of our Unit players placed in a STaC game. Jim said fewer than half the possible games were held last year. Players should encourage directors to hold more STaC games. Mary said there are a lot of special games directors can use to award extra MPs. Those not used last year could be rolled over to this year. A list of her suggests are included in these minutes.

Volunteers for Rochester Regional – August 7-11, 2023.

Phil said the Regional is all set for the Jewish Community Center. He said the only negative is that they are not connected to a hotel. **He said they still need volunteers.** Jim said we have tables and can get people to move them. They need to get the tables to the Center by 9:00 AM Monday morning and then Friday afternoon they need volunteers to take the tables down. Jim said he will send out an e-mail asking for volunteers. Phil said he has two people from the Center who would be willing to help them. Dan Boye is the Partnership Chair, Mary Miller is the I/N Coordinator, and Tom Andrews oversees Health and Safety. The food will be a catered lunch by the Jewish Center. The center does not allow participants to bring pork and shellfish dishes. A question was raised as to proof of vaccination for COVID – the ACBL is leaving it up to the individual sponsors.

Treasurer's Report:

Mark submitted the Statements of Assets & Liabilities and Income and Expense Report for 2022. Assets are about the same as 2021. T. Rowe Price went down a bunch but he thinks interest rates have peaked. Right now we are making 4% on high-yield fund. **Motion to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion approved (Kathy/Eileen). Motion to accept Budget. Motion approved. (Jim/Mary).**

The next meeting will be announced later.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary