

ACBL UNIT 112 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MOHAWK VALLEY SENIOR CENTER SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Present: Pat Stadelmaier, Betty Youmans, Mary Miller, Sandy Stockton, Richard Hurd, Mike Mihevc, Jim Carroll, Bob Simard, Mary Kay Quiggle, Ellie O'Conner for Ornit Grossman. Proxy received from Kathy Landon. Guests: Lynn Ackerman and Sharon Paulaus.

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

Minutes of April 13, 2019 were approved (Jim and Rich).

Treasurer's Report: Mark sent in the Treasurer's Report dated August 30, 2019 and a Financial Proposal and asked the members to consider the proposal so that the group can discuss it at the next meeting. A suggestion was made that the Treasurer's Report should show not only this year's figures but how much was spent the previous year.

Bob asked about the STaC revenue. Mary said since the district took over the STaC's, we now get money from all the STaC's.

Richard said the recent sectional held at Ithaca had a total loss of \$239.33 and they owed Unit sanction fees of \$49.00 (\$1.25 per table). He said they just do not get enough tables to warrant having a sectional. Mary made a motion that Ithaca need not pay the table fees and that the Unit will absorb the \$239.33 loss. Mike seconded it. Motion approved.

District 4 Meeting: The meeting is being held in Lancaster, PA. Mary is the new Charity Coordinator. She said the Board would like people to watch the movie Double Dummy. Jim asked if anyone had approached PBS about showing Table Talk and Double Dummy as a way to increase bridge membership. Since they are copyrighted Pat will look into the possibility of getting a CD.

Tournaments: District 4 is asking players to look at the number of sectionals that their unit is holding and would like each unit to cut back on the number of sectionals they are holding. Mike is chairing the committee to look into this. Several concerns were expressed:

Bob said that Syracuse eliminated their sectional this year but they definitely want to run one next year. They would be willing to move their sectional to the second week of June.

Richard said that Ithaca had fewer people at their sectional than they do at a regular game and would be willing to eliminate their sectional.

Mary thinks new players need to be exposed to tournaments and then they will travel. Our population over the last few years has decreased. Almost all the tournaments in our unit are making money. Also, she said nowhere does it say in Elaine's (the Tournament Chairman) letter that we need to cut a tournament.

Utica is willing to have a sectional every other year.

Mary Kay said we need to protect the outlying areas.

Betty suggested Utica and Ithaca doing every other year. Also, having Elmira, Endwell and Ithaca get together and discuss a schedule for a tournament.

If Rochester gives up one tournament, have two 3-day tournaments.

Syracuse would be willing to move their sectional to the second week of June.

Also, the Unit is entitled to run a Unit Championship. Need to apply for a sanction from Bruce Toder. Richard moved we instruct Bruce Toder to coordinate our sectionals next year with Buffalo so that the sectionals are not held at the same time. Mary seconded it. Motion approved. It was suggested Bruce submit the 2020 schedule and if rejected, Mary will bring it up at the District meeting.

The 2021 Schedule will be discussed after District meeting.

Cofer Fund: Mary will post on the website an explanation in regard to why the Cofer Fund was established. Also a list of the Unit 112 Trophies that were established.

The next meeting will be held in Seneca Falls on November 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (Richard/Mike). Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton
Secretary, Unit 112