

ACBL UNIT 112 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Health & Senior Services Bldg., Suite 4, Waterloo, NY

November 10, 2018

Present: Doug Bradley, Jim Carroll, Sally Hill, Edy Krauss, Kathy Landon, Mark McDermott, Mike Mihevc, Mary Miller, Bill Port, Mary Kay Quiggle, Ellen Ryan, Lois Sanders, Pat Stadelmaier, Sandy Stockton and Betty Youmans.

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

Minutes of April 7, 2018 were approved (Betty, Ellen)

Treasurer's Report: Edy submitted a report on STaC games which showed that they were down 300 tables. In the future all STaC monies will be collected by the District Treasurer and then distributed to the various clubs. Motion to approve (Kathy, Sally). Edy and Mark will draw up a proposed budget for next year.

Awards: Much discussion was held on awards. Pat suggested in re: honorariums that we take pictures and put them on the website. Mary Kay said she asked at Lancaster about awards and was informed that no units were involved in giving awards. Lois said that players achieving higher ranks deserve as much recognition as players starting out. Betty made a motion that we increase the dollar amount up to \$200.00 to purchase any jewelry through ACBL for players who achieve higher levels above Life Master. Mike seconded it. A vote was taken – 8 voted yes and 5 voted no. Motion approved. Mary made a motion that if a player chooses not to accept the ACBL gift then they are not eligible for any other award. Mike seconded it. Motion approved. It was decided if a player achieves platinum then we would discuss it.

Other suggestions re: awards: Mary suggested sending out a survey to players asking if they would like Unit money spent to honor people. Bill suggested we give something out other than jewelry. Mary said she would rescind her motion if we don't talk about awards the next time.

District 4 Meeting: Mary Kay reported that in regard to STaC's – the district takes 25% and 75% goes back to the Unit. 2019 Regionals – King of Prussia, Lancaster, Wilkes-Barre & Rochester (split). No Regional in Harrisburg in 2019. In regard to retention, she said the ACBL says many new players leave after one year. Some new players complained about the directors. Grand National Teams and Pairs – compete with other areas. Next meeting is in King of Prussia in June.

Website: A suggestion was made that we have news stories about different people. The welcome letter that Sandy sends out should include website address. Doug said he can add it to the website. Mary said it should just be password protected for people on the board or people who have a valid reason to have access. Login - e-mail address and then password Unit112 (Note: No space between Unit and 112).

District 4 Spot: Any information should be sent to Pat Stadelmaier.

Education: Sally submitted a report on Intermediate/Novice Programs which are being implemented in Rochester bridge games.

Regional: Mary reported that 7 or 8 attended the TAP workshop. She also reported that there was a 3% increase in attendance at the Regional and a profit of \$3791 was made. The Regional in 2019 will be split between Rochester and Wilkes-Barre. If pros choose a regional to attend, they will probably go to the bigger one which is Rochester. The hotel is going to give us the room downstairs for hospitality.

Election of Officers: Betty submitted the following nominations for 2019: Pat Stadelmaier - President; Lois Sanders - Vice President; Mark McDermott - Treasurer, Sandy Stockton - Secretary; and Betty Youmans, Member-at-Large. Mary Kay moved that the secretary cast one vote for the nominations. Doug seconded it. Motion approved.

Pat welcomed Mark to the Board. Edy will make whatever transactions need to be made at the bank for Mark to take over.

Sectionals: Betty brought up that in the Fall of 2019 there are 3 sectionals in a row. A suggestion was made that playing areas look at their schedules and maybe reduce the number of sectionals.

Directors: A suggestion was made that a Director course be run at the Regional or maybe have it separate from the Regional; possibly a short director course.

Zero Tolerance: Mary said we should research information the ACBL as to what other districts do about zero tolerance. Mike said in their group they write a letter to the individual about their bad behavior with a warning. Doug said there is a video which discusses all the new rules.

The next meeting is at the Webster Sectional on April 13 @ 9:15.

Mary Kay made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ellen seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton
Secretary, Unit 112