

Minutes of the December 16, 2023, Annual Meeting

Board Members Present: Howard Donaldson (President) Robin Spaulding (Secretary), Ann Couch (Treasurer), Bonnie Bagley (Tournaments), Dave Loring (Hospitality) Bob Wagstaff (Vice President), Murlene Williams (Marketing/Membership)
Board Member Not Present: Kay Brock (Member at Large)

Over 70 people attended the Annual Meeting
15 tables (60 people) played at the 12:30 game.

Howard Donaldson called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.

-Howard gave a brief update on the repair of the building.

- Mentioned that Bob Wingard passed away on November 30th and honored him for his foresight in purchasing the land and for building our Bridge Center home. He also emphasized there will be a celebration of Bob's life on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

-thanked Roger Williams for his time and energy with the building repair, Bonnie Bagley as the sectional tournament organizer, Mary Elizabeth Ruwell for her chair of the Longest Day, Ann Parker, John Dukellis, Shirley Scott, Karen Campbell, and Bob Somppi for teaching classes and encouraging new players, Linda Nicholos for assisting Ann Couch.

- mentioned that he attended the ACBL zoom meeting for Club Presidents once a month and learned that ACBL has experienced an annual loss and continues to project a 5% annual decline in its membership. By contrast, Unit 360 has only a decline of 2% over the last year. He challenged everyone to encourage new and past members to come back to Unit 360 for face-to-face play at the Center.

Murlene Williams promoted the Thursday night game that will begin in January. Barb Kaiser will try and create partnerships if people call her before 3 pm on the day of the game.

Robin Spaulding asked for people to contribute to the Care and Share barrel. She also invited anyone that would like a nametag to sign up on the bulletin board.

Ann Couch, Treasurer, gave a brief report (see attached).

Dave Loring explained that we did not need to hold an election as there were 4 people who volunteered to fill the 4 vacant positions in 2024. They are Phoebe Lostroh, Mark Bishop, Paul Gefreh, and Ed Hill.

Dave Loring also congratulated the five new Life Masters: Fred Cannon, Jason Thede, Barb Kaiser, Jodi Wyss, and Sally Donaldson. They were recognized on the cake.

Howard thanked the 2023 board members that are leaving in 2024: Bonnie Bagley, Robin Spaulding, Dave Loring. Howard will also be leaving the Board.

The membership acknowledged Howard for his term as President.

Meeting was adjourned (Robin 1st, Murlene 2nd) at 12:05 pm

Submitted by Robin Spaulding, Secretary

NOTE: These Minutes are unofficial until accepted at the January 11,2024 BOD Meeting.