January 23, 2025

Board meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

All Board members present: Susan Flick, Jyoti Boppana, Maitland Dade, Jackie Hertweck, James Porter, John York, Dan Woodward, Richard Eshelbrenner

Susan began the meeting by thanking everyone for their presence and willingness to serve and contribute to the operations of the Club.

Agenda Items

1. *ACBL Payments*
Susan asked about the fees paid to ACBL. What are the fees? How often? Who makes the payments? Is this one of Reg Watt's duties or does Jackie handle the payments?

Dan said that there is a ACBL fee schedule and fees vary according to the type of games played. He schedules special club games to be played each quarter. Also, he said that he has paid the $40.00 annual sanction fee for 2025.

Jim said that he has a folder of information on ACBL fees. He will bring the information to Susan. Susan will also contact Connie to get any additional information on mandatory fees.

2. *Snow Days*

Should game Director, Reg, be paid for game days canceled due to inclement weather? Should rental payment be made to the Salvation Army when there is a snow day? Jackie has paid for the canceled day earlier this month.

Motion made by Jim to pay Reg for canceled days and Jyoti seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to pay Reg for snow days but not pay the Salvation Army for snow days. Jackie will make the deduction from the next payment for the canceled game.

3. *Tax Returns*

Richard made a motion to contract the service of Erin Myers, CPA for preparation of Club's year end tax return and the 1099 document for game Directors' salary. Dan seconded the motion. The committee voted to contract Erin.

4. *Free Play for Snack Donations*

Susan suggested that this recent practice of getting free play for bringing snacks on game days be discontinued. This presents accounting problems and some confusion. It is thoughtful of members who bring snacks but it's not done for free play. Jim will make an announcement to inform membership that free play for snacks will end February 1st.

Additional Discussion

Announcements. Jim has noticed that not all members are attentive during his announcements. He tries to bring attention to items that might be beneficial to members in the areas of finance, recreation, safety, etc. Should this continue? It was suggested that the information be put on the website. Jim said that only 60% of members open the website.

The consensus was that announcements should remain brief and Jim could mention that some materials are available for those interested.

Coffee Maker/Supplies. Jyoti spoke about the poor heating of the coffee maker and the storage of supplies. Is there space in the closet with the bidding boxes for rather than transporting them back and forth? Coffee is cold and thrown out. Should the machine be replaced? The coffee machine is property of the Salvation Army. Jim suggested that a good cleaning is probably necessary. He will descale the coffee maker. John said that there is no space available for coffee supplies and it wouldn't be a good idea to leave supplies on site.

Membership List. John says that the membership list is lengthy, consisting of people who haven't played for some time. Susan asked John to clean up the list. The roster should list current members who have paid dues this year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maitland Dade