



Attending: Jay Apfelbaum, Ellen Berkowitz, Mark Cohen, John Dickenson, Ellen Luchette, John Nothdurft, Susan Packer, Jeff Rohrbeck, Pam Scalamandre, Cathy Strauss,

Cathy Strauss called the meeting to order at 5:54.

Welcome to Susan Packer, our newest board member.

1. **Financial report:** Ellen B. sent financial reports ahead of the meeting:
The September sectional had a surplus of \$605 after paying the Cherry Hill Bridge club for rent. Per the contract, we gave the surplus back to the Cherry Hill bridge club.
The November Unit Game-Mystery teams had a deficit of \$6737.97. We budgeted a larger deficit, so we did well
The December I/N at KOP had a surplus of \$292.35
No December bank statements yet. We had ~100K previously.
We had a deficit of ~3000 in the sectional, more than in previous tournaments. Awaiting final numbers. Coffee and food was more expensive. Hospitality was
2. Note from Cathy: we can run "GrassRoots" games at sectionals which generates more MPs for players. Can only be done at open Sectionals with an ACBL Director, limited to two sessions per Sectional. There is a higher cost; the extra money goes to the District for the GNPs. Suggested that this might be a good idea for the afternoon games to promote attendance.
3. Election of Unit officers for 2026: Cathy president by acclamation. John N. and Jay. Secretary Jeff, Treasurer Ellen. Three potential nominees for the vacant position were put forward; names withheld pending notification. John N. voted in.
4. March tournament will be in Cherry Hill. Bernadette will chair. Prefer a shorter break for the pair games lunch; 2:15 start suggested. Proposed contract circulated: increased rent proposed to pay staff. Suggested that we move to \$20 per session. Motion to raise fee to \$20 starting in March. Rent for Bernadette increased as well. Other suggestions were made for inclusion in the contract. Suggested that there be 4:15 between start times. Cash must be provided if required by law. Bala: second sectional there is a problem if it's past early March due to golf. Potential dates were discussed for 2027. 8 Jan, 11 March. 24 boards well received.
5. Recommendations from the committee headed by John N working on Sectional issues (also Jay and John D). Alternate venues suggested: Phila Cricket, Northhills Country Club.
6. Report/recommendations from the IN Committee (Mark C and Pam S) Successful one-day at KOP. Want to spread it around. North Penn, Jenkintown. Waiting to hear. Interested in hosting an I/N regional Apr 10-12 Cherry Hill, pairs/teams as usual. Joanne Glasson sat morning.
7. November Unit Game post-mortem: Cost less than we thought. Preset the movements next year. Do we do the same thing again, or something new and/or something different?

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Suggested Mentor program, funded by the unit for Mentors. Discussion of similar programs in other units and the success as a result. Individual game with rotating pairs. Book the venue, set up a committee, and figure out the event.

8. Election of board member to fill out the remainder of April's term (John D, Nominating Chair). Please let John D know if you have any suggestions for this position.
9. Possible upcoming changes to 5-5-5 (based on information provided at Unit President's meeting last month) – increased events for new players. Pay for results rather than attendance.
10. NAP – we may hold a unit qualifier after September. Can get some extra \$ and points. Similar to GNT “qualifiers”.
11. Meeting locations: Zoom, Bala, Penrose, at sectionals, etc.

April 7th proposed for meeting: Tuesday in Bala will be investigated. 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Rohrbeck

Secretary