

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Steve Goldstein, President
Bill Dani, Treasurer
Sally Tobin, Secretary
Nance Lodge
Guest: Irv Kostal
Bill Berke
David Kane
Jim Weeks

Board Members excused: Barbara Hopewell, William Stine

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9: 35 a.m. by Steve Goldstein.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the board meeting held on November 14, 2014, were read. A motion was made by David Kane to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Nance Lodge and unanimously approved. The minutes were then presented from the January, 2014, Annual Meeting which had been typed up but not previously approved. David Kane made a motion to accept these minutes, it was seconded by Bill Dani and unanimously approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bill Dani handed out the financials, which included a breakdown of the November Sectional, showing a surplus of \$1,989.00 after expenses. Bill presented a table showing comparisons of previous tournaments and the actual vs budgeted numbers. This year we had a total 368 tables - 18 more than last year. However, Bill pointed out that we had to pay for *last* year's second ACBL director fees which had not originally been paid at the time due to a misunderstanding. Bill then noted the sum of \$950 which had been paid to Mimi David out of the Educational budget, and \$544.91 relating to Website expenses, Go-Daddy renewals, etc. Nance made a motion that we approve the Treasurer's Report, Bill Berke seconded and it was unanimously approved.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Welcome Committee. In Barbara Hopewell's absence, Nance commented that she had nothing new to report other than the fact that she had received little feedback from new players receiving our Welcome package, even though she had asked several people. It was suggested that perhaps we include a "free play" in the package; the suggestion was well received, and Nance will follow up. She will also contact club directors about this, informing them that they will be reimbursed by the Unit if and when they are presented with one of her "free play" vouchers.

b) Nominating Committee. Irv Kostal had been invited to attend and give his report on the Nominating Committee. He stated that he had received three applications, but had not been in touch with anyone else of the Nominating Committee. Apparently, there were other applications that had been given to other committee members. After discussion, Irv promised to get in touch with the rest of the committee as well as the applicants so that a statement can be prepared which we can published on our website, in preparation of our up-coming election. David

stressed that time is of the essence since he wants to get the election package out to club directors in the next couple of days.

c) Election Committee: Steve stated that the committee decided not do a complete mailing of the announcements for the upcoming election. Instead David will mail a package, by certified mail, to all club directors asking them to post a membership letter announcing the candidates and listing the proposed changes to the by-laws. David read the letter that he proposed sending; board members gave their input, suggesting minor changes. It was also proposed we print up extra copies that can be given to directors, to be handed out to players when they arrive at games. The letter will also be posted on the Website. David said he had everything ready to go and as soon as he had all the information regarding the nominees, he would complete the task, hopefully over the weekend.

d) Unit's Holiday Games: Nance has been in touch with Mick Riccio and he has agreed to direct the 499 game. Bill Dani will discuss the fee with Mick. Nance is arranging delivery of the food from El Pollo Loco and it will arrive at Duncan at 11:30 a.m. Sally and Barbara agreed to be there to help set up. There was a discussion about extra pieces, cake and fruit for dessert. Nance also stated that she will take care of the door-prizes; Sally asked about the raffle tickets which we will hand out. Bill said we have plenty.

e) Disciplinary Committee Actions: (The board went into Executive Session to discuss an incident that happened during the Sectional)

f) Response to Sherry's 2nd Complaint: Steve stated that the ACBL Appeals Committee recently responded to the the board's appeal regarding the complaints filed by Sherry McHarg, indicating that a hearing will be held in March during the Nationals in New Orleans.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Bob McConnell's Proposal: Nance read Bob McConnell's email, requesting in part, that we subsidize the 299-ers at Woody's game on Fridays in Cat. City. After discussion the board concluded that we cannot subsidize any one director, (or even several directors) unless we subsidize ALL directors. The board also discussed the upcoming NLM Sectional at Duncan and the concept of the Unit holding additional ones throughout the year. It was decided that Nance should compose a response to Bob's email, which the board will approve before sending out.

6. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2015 at Barbara Hopewell's house off Cook Street.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 12:00 noon a motion was made by Bill Berke that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Nance and unanimously approved.

6. AMENDMENT TO DECEMBER, 2014'S MINUTES (as of December 28, 2014)

The Unit board discussed over email the fact that the game taking place on the day of the Board Election - January 26, 2015 - will be run as a "mid-week" Unit Game, whereby club directors are responsible for their own games, and the Unit will reimburse said directors for the difference in sanction fees. The decision was voted on via email and without dissent, on December 27, 2014. All game directors will be notified accordingly. The board will be serving lunch on that day, as is the custom for the Unit's Election day.

Also discussed via email, was the change of date for the April, 2015, Unit game; it was originally scheduled for Easter Sunday, and it has now been changed to the following Sunday, April 12th, 2015.

Bill Berke will post the above information on the Unit's website as soon as possible.

Respectively submitted

Sally Tobin, Secretary