

## MINUTES

**Board Members Present**

William Stine, Vice President	
Bill Dani, Treasurer	Bill Berke
Sally Tobin, Secretary	David Kane
Nance Lodge	Jim Weeks
William Stine	Barbara Hopewell

**Guest:** Gary Delestine

**Board Member excused:** Steve Goldstein

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by William Stine at 9:30 a.m. Gary Delestine was invited to speak. The purpose of Gary's presence was to report on behalf of the Committee to elect the winner of the Edith Hershman Award. Gary read the original letter from Bill Lewis, who based his award on a prestigious one that was given in Chicago - meant to emphasize sportsmanship at the bridge table. Gary stated that since the Edith Hershman Award Committee was made up of past recipients (some of whom are no longer with us), the remaining members were reluctant to choose the next winner. Gary said that, members of the committee thought that the Unit board should have more input. After Gary left, the matter was discussed briefly and Sally suggested that perhaps we could ask our game directors to offer suggestions of someone deserving from their club. David liked the idea. However, due to time restraints, and the heavy agenda, William asked if we could move on and defer the discussion for another month.

### 2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the board meeting held on October 15th, 2014, were read. A motion was made by Bill Berke to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Barbara Hopewell and unanimously approved.

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT :** Bill Dani passed out the financials. There was no new income to report; our balance stands at \$25,149.13. Bill also included the 3rd-quarterly statement and an updated budget. Bill said that he was considering moving a further \$2,500 into the Educational program, depending on requests for funds. David suggested that Bill also include approximately \$900 for the mass-mailing of the ballots and the by-laws notices. Bill agreed that he would do that. Bill Berke made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded by Nance Lodge and unanimously approved.

### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) **Response to Sherry's 2nd Complaint.** David spoke briefly about the email that he and Steve had written to the ACBL giving their reasons for a request for a hearing. They are currently waiting for a response.

- b) Nominating Committee/Election Committee.** There have been several names suggested William said that the committee is currently interviewing/vetting potential nominees. There was a discussion on what was being covered during the interview. Bill Dani asked that potential nominees be informed of extra duties involved in the running of Unit Games and Sectionals. Nance suggested that nominees be completely neutral in their allegiance to any particular club. David suggested that we repeat the notice regarding nominee interest on the Website. Bill Berke said that he could work on another email blast about potential candidates. However, time if of the essence - we need a slate as soon as possible. David then reminded William about obtaining biographies from the nominees which we can publish on the Website, also. William said he will speak to Nancy Erickson about the timeline.
- c) Timeline for the Annual Meeting:** David said that we need to put a notice on the Web Site about the Annual Meeting which has been set for January 26, 2015. He stated that December 13th is the cut-off date for mailing the ballots, and the notice of the by-laws changes. David suggested that we also include, a note mentioning that details of the by-law amendments are available on request. He said these details should also be put on the Website.
- d) Website Status** Bill Berke reported that his wife, Jane, together with Tom Lund had prepared and tested a manual for operating the website. Bill stated that it is very straightforward and should be easy enough for most people to follow. Bill added that the website is fully protected and that we no longer need the services of a programmer.
- e) Fall Sectional:** David Kane went over various details for the tournament. The caddies; lighting in the back parking area; parking on Friday, etc. David said that the Caddies would help direct players away from the neighboring businesses *numbered* spots. There was a discussion about snack food & candy; Nance said she would take care of that. Bill Dani talked about Free plays for directors who give up games for the Sectional - David said he would make up some chits they could hand to the tournament cashiers. There was a discussion about the food truck which Duncan is supplying and the selling of lunch tickets ahead of time. There was also a discussion about how many tables we would need for Saturday and the fact that we may not have enough chairs. Nance and Steve said they would bring extra in case they are needed. Nance suggested that Steve should make a Welcome speech to the players at the start of the tournament. William said he would mention that to Steve.
- f) Unit & Holiday Games:** Jim Weeks talked about the extra Unit games he had received sanctions for and had made available, if directors wanted them; he was trying to straighten out the dates, some of which had to be changed. There was a general discussion about the sanctioned games in the Valley - the private-club ones vs the Open games.

The Unit's Holiday Game has been scheduled for December 7th. There was a discussion about gift baskets which we customarily raffle off. Nance said that she would be in charge of getting those again. The discussion then led to the menu and it was suggested that this year we get a ham and a turkey to make it more festive. Nance, William and Barbara said they would co-ordinate the menu and take care of the lunch.

**g) Disciplinary Committee Actions** (The board went into Executive Session)

**5. NEW BUSINESS** There was no new business on the agenda.

**6. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4th, 2014 at Barbara Hopewell's house off Cook Street.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:35 a.m. a motion was made by Sally that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Bill Dani and unanimously approved.

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