

Unit 125 Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 – 5:00pm
St. Michaels Woodside

Present: Barb Bacon, Harvey Bernstein, Chuck Bisesi, Peggy Gallagher, Barb Greenspan, Bill Hogsett, Fran Mulkins, Sharon Robertson

Absent: Steve Garfunkel, Wayne Heritage, Tommie Ruehr,

Guests: Sharon Fairchild

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.

Minutes from August, September, November and January approved with some small corrections..

Treasurer's report

- Harvey stated that a CD is coming due April 3rd at a rate of 1%. The renewal rate is 1.35% if we use an internet bank. Fran Mulkins inquired about using E Bonds. Harvey will decide on how to renew
- He also stated that income will be cut In half if we used ACBL directors instead of our Tournament Assistants.
- Barb Greenspan asked who to send the check to for the 129 tables for the Regional.

President's Report

- Our annual membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 15th at the Rocky River Memorial Hall. Barb Bacon is in charge but is unable to plan the event due to being out of town. Bill asked for volunteers to help. Bev Carter and Fran Mulkins will work with Barb to set up the event. Bill mentioned that there had been a discussion regarding having attendees pay for the meal or having the Unit subsidize it.
- Candidates for the Board are Bev Carter, Rhona Jacobson and Marie Merker. One more is needed. Bev asked about the Shugart's. Bill said they declined.
- Bill stated that a Learn Bridge in a Day will be held June 4th at the Cleveland Yacht Club. He is working with Edie Dus-Garden to set it up. Sharon R. requested a notice be sent to all club directors to publicize this and that we use the member in/out report as a recruiting tool.
- The combined Board Meeting date is tentatively set for April 19th. Location and time to be determined.
- Bill asked that at the May meeting a committee be formed to discuss Bridge is Alive and Well in Cleveland. Bev, Barb G. and Steve were appointed to do so. A list of students be acquired from area teachers would be helpful.
- It was stated at the January meeting that the Unit host a reception for the ACBL CEO Robert Hartman with cocktails and finger food. Barb Bacon to check on cost and time.

Committee Reports

- Steve Garfunkel stated that he needed speakers for the non-life master events at the April Sectional. Barb Greenspan volunteered to do a hand-out. Phil Becker will speak at one of the sessions. Chuck Bisesi suggested Doug Henderson. Steve said pre-dealt hands will be used for the Sunday Swiss and that he was ordering pies from Akron for hospitality.
- **Vichill:** Bill mentioned that there are 28 teams with 3 brackets and that the movement was bad. The bottom bracket was fine, no dropouts and that most teams had 6 members. He said that Phil Becker said it was time to redo the concept, that partial matches are not good at all. A Committee will be formed to look into this. Bev Carter requested that Phil be part of the committee.
- Barb Bacon asked about holding a summer Vichill at St. John's. Bill asked for volunteers to make it happen.
- **Membership Committee:** Chuck Bisesi stated that revised letters were being sent out with a free play for a Sectional and a Unit Directory.

Old Business

Name Tags: Peggy asked about re-ordering name tags for those whose names were incorrect. Barb G. said to do. Peggy stated that sales will end as of now.

May Membership Meeting and Dinner: It had been mentioned at a previous meeting to not charge for the dinner. Motion by Bev Carter, second by Fran Mulkins to not charge for the dinner for Unit 125 members but to charge \$10 for bridge.

Motion passed Unanimously.

Directories: Barb Greenspan made a motion to charge \$1.00 for the new directories instead of \$2.00. Second by Steve Garfunkel.

3 yes/5no – Motion defeated

Change in By-Laws: We now need 8 board members for a quorum. Motion by Sharon Robertson, second by Barb Greenspan to change to "majority of board members"

Motion passed unanimously

Notice to go out to all directors and on flyer for Membership Dinner.

New Business

Longest Day – It will be held on Monday, June 20th at Tommie Ruehr's game in Middleburg Hts. Lynn Nosse requested a subsidy of \$500. Sharon Robertson asked for a breakdown of income and expenses at the last event, ie: cost of hall, set-up, supplies, etc.. Chuck Bisesi inquired if the Charitable Foundation could subsidize it. Bill stated they do not have enough income to do so. Fran Mulkins made a motion to grant \$350 for expenses and consider it a donation. Second by Barb Bacon.

Motion passed unanimously

Barb Greenspan said that the District has \$30,000 to use for local 501C-3 charities. Are going to apply for \$5-6,000 to use for our charity foundation. They need to send the request along with a copy of the 501C-3 to the District.

Sharon Fairchild mentioned that a director's refresher course would be offered on Wednesday at the Regional. It will start at 9:00am and last 6 hours. Cost to attend will be \$15. Directors should contact her to reserve.

Motion to adjourn by Steve, second by Barb. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Carter
Secretary

Next Meeting: Combined Board Dinner – Tuesday, April 19th. Time and Place to be determined.