

Unit 125 Board Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 28th, 2016

St. John's Church, Parma, OH

Present: Harvey Bernstein, Bev Carter, Peggy Gallagher, Steve Garfunkel, Bill Hogsett, Rhona Jacobson, Maureen Merker Fran Mulkins, Sharon Robertson, Cathy Wolford.

Absent: Barb Greenspan, Tommy Ruehr

Motion by Sharon Robertson, second by Fran Mulkins to Approve June 2016 minutes as corrected.

Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

Harvey stated that there was appx. \$14K in the checking account and \$25K in CD's. He said a request had been made for a written treasurer's report. Bev mentioned that this had been presented at the last Membership Meeting. Bill Hogsett stated that he would prepare one for posting on our web site. Bev asked for an accounting of the August Sectional. Harvey said he did not have it with him but we had cleared appx. \$2500 due to increase in fees. Bev then asked why the increase was necessary. It was explained that the board had decided that 2 ACBL certified directors be used instead of a T/A. Bev said that she had been approached by numbers of players who stated they would not attend future Sectionals if that price remained at \$12 a session as it is the same price as a Regional but did not offer Gold points and they felt it was not worth it. Bill said it was too late to change the November Sectional but would put it on the Agenda to review cost and number of sessions prior to the April 2017 tournament

President's Report:

Bill stated that it is the 3rd night of Vichill with 25 teams attending. The rent is the same as it was at St. Michaels but snacks are not provided. Phil Becker does a talk before each session that is well attended. Asked about costs, he said that he believes the Director receives \$125 session which includes duplication of the boards.

He said the LBIAD was a great success with 14 tables of new and somewhat experienced players attending and 17 helpers—one at each table. It suffered a small loss of \$860. An income/expense report is attached to these minutes. Mary Spooner was unable to run the event as her job had her traveling out of town. Bill advertised and got an instructor from California to fill in. She received \$600 for doing this (she paid for her own lodging and airfare). Harvey suggested we look into running a new player game at St. John's during Vichill and offered to direct it. Bill said that Wayne Heritage was willing to do the same at the Tuesday game in Rocky River. Sharon Robertson suggested a list of clubs offering to do this be sent out to all who attended the LBIAD.

Bill said that a continuing event will be held on Saturday, October 15th and 29th at the Yacht Club. Bev Carter will be the instructor. Bill will email an invitation to all 0-5 MP players and those who attended both sessions of the LBIAD's. Cost will be \$5.00.

Bill asked that the outgoing board members form a nominating committee as stated in our By Laws to select Unit members to fill the vacant positions. Outgoing members are Bill Hogsett, Barb Greenspan, Harvey Bernstein and Sharon Robertson. Harvey is willing to remain Treasurer as it is not a requirement that this be a board member. The Committee needs to have a slate of candidates no later than January 12th. **The combined board dinner will be held on April 27th at the Creekside Restaurant (Rte 21 just north of Rte 82) at 6:00pm.**

Barb Bacon has assumed the duties of Tournament Coordinator, taking over from Cathy Wolford. Maureen Merker will become the Membership person, taking over from Chuck Bisesi.

Old Business:

- **Directory Sales** - Harvey asked about money due from Akron, Canton and Youngstown for the 2015 directory sales. Cathy said she thought ~~Akron Youngstown~~ had paid up front and would check into Canton and Akron. ~~Youngstown~~. She will also check with Chuck Bisesi. She said there are appx. 2 cartons of directories remaining.
- **Charity Committee Report** – tabled till next meeting
- **0-499r Sectional** - Bill said the 0-499'r Sectional had been canceled for October due to NAOP Qualifier and would be rescheduled for May 20th and 21st. Harvey said we had a deposit of \$227.50 at the Rocky River Memorial Hall and we need to transfer it to the new dates unless it had been forfeited. Bill to check for location ASAP.
- **Site Coordinator** – Sharon Robertson suggested that one person coordinate the setups with St. John's instead of the tournament chairs to facilitate cohesiveness. She suggested Barb Greenspan for this position. Bill to check with Barb to see if she will accept.
- Bev mentioned the problem with the sale of entries taking almost half an hour to get started and delaying the start of the game. Bill said this needed looking into as it is a problem.

New Business:

- Fran Mulkins mentioned that the Saturday Night Game at St. John's is now being directed by ABA members and that she is no longer hosting it.
- Maureen Merker questioned why Vichill subs do not receive Master Points when they fill in. Bill said they do if the team they are subbing on wins that night. Maureen asked if it mattered who paid the entry fee. Bill said it was up to the team to decide who pays and that it does not affect who gets the points for that night.

- Bev Carter stated that bridge is dying in our Area. All the local clubs are down in attendance no matter if they are daytime or evening games. She asked that a Publicity Person be appointed to contact such entities as Welcome Wagons, Office for Older Adults, Senior Centers, Rec Centers, and local news outlets to meet with someone regarding offering bridge classes, posting flyers as to local game locations, etc. etc. This would be a large undertaking and the board needs to discuss whether it should be a paid or volunteer position. Harvey thought maybe we could advertise on Cleveland.Com. Bill said we should definitely look into this and felt it should be someone who specializes in this type of work. It will be an Agenda item at the next meeting

Motion by Fran, second by Rhonda to adjourn at 6:10pm. *Unanimously Approved.*

Next Meeting: November 16th, 2016 at 4:45pm prior to Vichill at St. John's.

Hospitality by Peggy Gallagher

Following Meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 12 at 4:45pm between sessions at the Regional at Embassy Suites.

Hospitality by Steve Garfunkel

Then Wednesday, March 22nd, 4:45pm prior to Vichill at St. John's.

Hospitality by Sharon Robertson

Followed by the combined board meeting Thursday, April 27th 6:00pm at Creekside.

A choice of 3 entrees will be sent out 3 weeks prior to the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Carter

Secretary