

**Cleveland Whist Club**  
St. Johns Church, Parma, Ohio  
July 12 , 2017

Members present: Steve Garfunkel, Wayne Heritage, Dave Hobe, Rhona Jacobson, Chuck Ladiha, Fran Mulkins, Maureen Merker, Tommie Ruehr and Cathy Wolford

Guests present: Barbara Bacon, Harvey Bernstein, Sharon Fairchild.

Members absent: Janet Auwerter, Bev Carter, Peggy Gallagher.

The meeting was called to order by President Ruehr at 5:02 PM.

**Minutes:** The minutes were read by Tommie and the following corrections were recorded: the new directories discussion was tabled until 2018 and the two references to lack of a quorum were deleted.

Fran moved and Dave seconded to approve the minutes as corrected and it was unanimously passed.

**Treasurer's report**

Harvey Bernstein reported that we have \$30,000 in CDs and \$7000 in the checking account. The bills are in for the Annual Meeting. Records will go to Dave Hobe for auditing.

**President's Report:** Tommie announced two appointments to the Charity Foundation. They are Wayne Heritage and Lynn Nosse who will join Dave Hobe, Sharon Robertson and Don Sulgrove on this committee.

Harvey Bernstein, Wayne Heritage, Dave Hobe and Tommie Ruehr cleaned out the storage unit. Harvey is in possession of 2 coffee pots and 2 roasters (one is going back to Kathy Sulgrove) and various pans. Wayne has a couple of serving trays and utensils (serving spoons etc.) and Dave has the other supplies (napkins, cups etc.)

The August Sectional in 2018 has been successfully changed to August 10-12 to avoid the end of the NABC.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Maureen reported that she continues the mailing and sends out coupons for club game entries that will be refunded to the directors by the unit. To date, none has been cashed in.

**Charity Committee:** Dave Hobe reported that the committee will meet tonight at 6:30 PM. He has registered and filed reports with the State of Ohio for the years of 2015-2017. The money in the account is currently \$346.

**Master non-Master game** is on October 25 in Parma and needs a sanction. Barb Bacon will help with that. It was suggested that chairman, Fran Mulkins check for support from Andy Halpern and he might be able to direct if Steve is not available.

**Vichill:** Needing to decide about the Vichill format for 2018-19, the board unanimously voted to have two separate competitions of six matches apiece with no handicap. It is hoped that this move will cause smaller brackets that better reflect our population and have shorter commitments. We could consider a new name for the second event.

**Unit Club Site:** No report due to Peggy's absence.

**Tournament reports:**

The August 4-6 sectional will have only 1 director, Steve Vrooman

The November flyer is just about ready. Game times for that tournament on Friday will be 10 and 2

**New Business**

**Report from the District Board Meeting. Thanks to Cathy Wolford.**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Column will be discontinued at the end of this year. Units wanting to have rank changes and news from their units are invited to post on the District 5 Facebook page. There is a link on the District 5 website and it would be a good idea to have a link on the unit site as well.

Sharon Fairchild announced that she would not seek another term on the ACBL Board. Her term ends December 31, 2018.

Contracts are signed to keep our regionals at the Embassy Suites through 2020.

NAP qualifying games are held at local clubs from June through August. Check with your local club for dates. Club managers are asked to provide their dates Barb Bacon who will send them to Bill Hogsett for posting on the unit website.

Starting times for regionals will vary in the District. Buffalo in October and Cleveland in January will go with the early start times of 10 and 3. The meeting voted to have Cleveland in May and Pittsburgh over Labor Day to remain at 1 and 7.

District 5 uses the 30-point Victory Scale in Swiss Teams. Most other places use the 20-point scale. The District voted to continue with the 30-point scale.

The District announced a new cellphone policy to parallel the new one adopted by ACBL. They are encouraging units to adopt similar policies so that rules will be more uniform. Sharon will bring the specific details to the next meeting.

### **Tournament Coordinator.**

Barb Bacon announced that she sanctioned the tournaments for 2019 and 2020. The dates

are:	2019	2020
	April 5-7	April 17-19
	August 2-4	August 7-9
	November 1-3	November 6-8

She plans to sanction 2021 and 2022 soon.

Barb also announced that she is retiring from doing the GNT and NAPs at the end of next year. Anyone interested in that job is welcome to let Barb know.

### **Other Business:**

Sharon Fairchild mentioned that if we add a second Vichill, we need to consider the three masterpoint races that we have. They count the points from the Unit sectionals and the Vichill League. The rules should be adapted to our new circumstances.

Upcoming meetings are tentatively scheduled for Sept. 13, October 4, November 1, and December 6.

Motion to adjourn was made by Fran and seconded by Chuck. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Fairchild  
temporary Secretary.

Our next meeting is **August 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 PM before Summer Imp League.**  
**Hospitality by Maureen assisted by Rhona.**