

Appleton Minutes, April 21, 2015

Present: Mike Selchert, Mary Ann Romberg, Jim Nikstad, Mollie Freier, Brian Carlson, Maria Roswall, Chuck Vierthaler, Marge Morgan, Florence Erickson, Carol Konrad, Chelley Andress, Sharon Basal, Mary Jane Fero, Katie Grundy, Don Schuette, George Bleskacek

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Brian Carlson at 5:15 p.m.

New board members who were present (Chuck Vierthaler, Marge Morgan, Mary Jane Fero, and Katie Grundy) were introduced.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting

It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Elections

Maria Roswall, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for election: President: Mike Selchert. It was moved and seconded that this nomination be accepted. Mike Selchert was elected President.

Vice-President: Mary Ann Romberg. It was moved and seconded that this nomination be accepted. Mary Ann Romberg was elected Vice-President.

Treasurer: Jim Nikstad. It was moved and seconded that this nomination be accepted. Jim Nikstad was elected Treasurer.

Secretary: Mollie Freier. It was moved and seconded that this nomination be accepted. Mollie Freier was elected Secretary.

A round of applause was given to retiring board members Don Schuette, Brian Carlson (who were both present), as well as Bill Murphy, Jim Mulbrandon, Terry McCloskey, and Roman Rommelfanger. A round of applause was given to all of them for their service to WUMBA.

Cooper Smith's request for funding for the Youth Bridge Tournament at Nationals in Chicago
Mary Ann Romberg moved that WUMBA allocate \$500 to send Cooper to this tournament.
Mollie Freier seconded. Motion carried.

Officers Reports

Treasurer's Report: Jim Nikstad presented the treasurer's report, including financial information on tournaments that have taken place this year. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Reports from Standing Committees

Budget and Finance Committee –

Brian Carlson presented information on the profit and losses of various tournaments, reminding the board of the motions passed two years ago in order to keep the losses down.

Don Schuette praised Brian for his work in calling attention to tournament losses over the years. A round of applause was given for Brian and his service to the WUMBA board.

Education Committee - Carol Konrad requested that WUMBA continue to fund the "Lunch and Learn" for this year. Motion was made and seconded to continue to fund these learning experiences. Motion carried.

Mentorship - Flo Erickson presented a handout from the Mentorship Committee (which had met that afternoon). The Mentorship Committee is focusing on mentoring in clubs.

Web site – Stan Fuhrman had sent a report on web site usage with a comment that we might want to include WUMBA board meeting minutes on the site. Mollie Freier had replied to him that this might be a good idea, but he expressed reservations about the possibility of too much financial information appearing in the minutes. Mollie will get back to him about exactly how much financial information would be acceptable, as putting the minutes online would be a service to our membership.

Reports from Special Committees and Appointments

Unit Tournament Coordinator—George Bleskachek reported. He will be going on vacation, so the board will have to find someone to bring the trailer to tournaments. We are also in need of new tables, since many of ours are quite worn. It was moved and seconded that WUMBA purchase 25 new tables. Motion carried.

District affiliation

Mike announced that we need two new volunteers to serve on the District Board. Mary Ann Romberg and Mollie Freier volunteered, and were elected to the District 13 board.

New Business:

Proposals for bylaw changes: Don Schuette introduced the motion for revision of the bylaws. Discussion focused on how these provisions would differ from allowing proxy voting. This discussion will be continued at the WUMBA board meeting at Three Lakes on Sunday, September 20.

The meeting was adjourned by Mike Selchert at 6:40 p.m.