

## **WUMBA Board Meeting**

### **Appleton**

#### **Agenda March 18, 2017**

**Present: Mary Ann Romberg, Mollie Freier, Mike Shelchert, Adam Gewiss, Maria, Pat Hoehne, Maria Roswall, Carol Konrad, Judy Terrault, Chuck Vierthaler, Sharon Basal, Marge Morgan, Cerona Stevens, Rick Brown (guest) Randi Brown (guest)**

1. Call to order - Mike Selchert Called to order at 5:37

2. Roll Call – Introduction of new board members

3. Approval of the minutes

Mary Ann moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

4. Elections – Maria Roswall

Mary Ann and Carol Konrad were the Nominating Committee

Maria read the slate of officers nominated, and asked for nominations from the floor. Maria moved that we accept this slate of officers, and Judy Terrault seconded. Motion carried.

5. Membership Report – Emalyn Nikstad

The report was included in the packet. Emalyn recommends that we continue the practice of paying the second year of dues for new members.

6. Mentoring Report – Flo Erickson

No mentoring report.

7. Treasurer's Report – Jim Nikstad (Adam Gewiss)

Adam gave the Treasurer's report (attached). Mike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Carol seconded.

8. Unit Tournament Coordinator Report

No report

Chuck Vierthaler announced a new 299er sectional in Madison September 21-23.

10. Proposal to change 299er games to “non-life master 499er” games to better align WUMBA with ACBL – Mary Ann Romberg

Mary Ann also suggested that we no longer charge a different fee for these NLM games. Mike Selchert moved that we raise the entry fees to \$9 across the field as of October 1, 2017. Maria Roswall seconded. Pat Hoehne said that we could have a separate price for students (high school and college). Motion carried. Pat Hoehne, Mollie Freier, and Adam Gewiss will bring forward a proposal for youth/students. ACBL raised the minimum requirement for Life Masters to 500 points some years ago, and many tournaments have 499er tournaments instead of 299er tournaments. Maria Roswall moved that we move the 299er games to 499er NLM games effective January 1, 2018. Marge Morgan seconded. Motion carried.

11. Eau Claire Regional – Rick Brown

Rick presented the flyer for Eau Claire. Rick said that the net profit for the regional was 20-24%. Rick has put 299er games on Friday and Saturday to encourage attendance on the weekend, which has historically been lower than the rest of the week. They also have fewer KO games than in previous years. He also pointed out that the playing venue has changed this year, but he thinks it will help the bottom line. Rick asked that we encourage attendance.

#### 12. Proposal Regarding Reimbursement for Teaching Bridge Classes – Mike Selchert

Glenna Shannahan's e-mail. Jim Nikstad would like have a policy for the grants for ABTA, so that he does not want to have to make individual decisions about individual requests without a policy. We should have a maximum for the amount that we can budget for ABTA and for teacher accreditation programs. Maria Roswall, Carol Konrad, Marge Morgan, and Jim Nikstad will work on a policy and budget for these requests.

#### 13. Other Business

The web site report is also in the packet (attached).

Note from Lee Prellwitz about pair-team games. Discussion ensued. We will discuss it again in September in Three Lakes.

District 13 meeting in Lake Geneva. Mary Ann Romberg also mentioned that board members are encouraged to attend National Board meetings at NABCs.

#### 14. Adjournment

Marge Morgan moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Next meeting: September 17, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. (Three Lakes)**