

WUMBA board meeting

20 October 2014

Conference call

Present: Maria Roswall, Mary Ann Romberg, Mike Selchert, Judy Terrault, Jim Mulbrandon, Mollie Freier, Chelley Andress, Jim Nikstad, Dennis Ryan, Don Schuette, Brian Carlson, [Carol Konrad and Bill Murphy were present, but were unable to make their phones work in order to speak—they both e-mailed me immediately after the meeting]. Guest: Joan Schuette.

Call to order 6:40 p.m. (Central time)

Votes taken tonight will be binding, but there will be another meeting in La Crosse. Brian Carlson explained that we will have lost \$10000 by the end of the year. Our equity will be at \$41500 by the end of this year, according to Jim Nikstad's projections. Mike Selchert pointed out that the 299er discount is not really an expense. Don Schuette moved that we set a \$30000 minimum and a \$50000 maximum for our equity. Mollie Freier seconded. Motion carried.

Don asked that the motion that was tabled in Appleton (that the 299er discount be cut in half) be brought to the floor. Maria Roswall seconded. Motion carried.

There was discussion about what the motion should actually be—should the 299er discount (if it is maintained) be relative to the regular entry, and are we raising the regular entry. Mike wants to know if the motion just passed wasn't binding—we have not reached our minimum. Dennis Ryan pointed out that \$9 would still be a low figure. Joan Schuette said that she had talked to Carol Konrad (the Intermediate/Newcomer chair) about putting the 299er fee at \$6 and regular at \$9. Jim Mulbrandon said that there is no use to having a 299er discount, and it should be abolished.

Don moved a substitute for the motion that the regular entry be raised to \$9 and the 299er entry to \$6, effective as soon as it can be implemented (some tournaments already have flyers out that indicate the current prices of \$8 and \$4). Dennis seconded. Mike suggested that we might be better off controlling our expenses, rather than raising rates. Dennis reminded us that we had made a policy that tournaments losing money over three years will be canceled. Motion carried. We can continue this discussion in La Crosse.

Jim M. said he'd set up another conference call meeting, probably in January. Dennis said that it was difficult to have a meeting via phone. Vigorous discussion of the efficacy of phone conferencing and the scheduling of meetings ensued. We will discuss this further in La Crosse. Jim M. moved, Don(?) seconded that we adjourn. We adjourned at 7:25 (Central time).