

Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 149 – The Wisconsin Upper Michigan Bridge Association

September 18, 2011
Three Lakes, Wisconsin

President Bill Murphy called the meeting of the Unit Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance and constituting a quorum were: President Bill Murphy; Secretary Denise Hoffman; Directors - Brian Carlson, Nancy Grimes, Carol Konrad, Terry McCloskey, Liz Owen, Maria Roswall, Dennis Ryan, Carol Schultz.

Absent: Chelley Andress, Sharon Basal, Patricia Kaufman, Jim Mulbrandon, Jim Nikstad, Curt Parkhurst, Jack Rhodes, Glenna Shannahan

Others present: Youth Representative Oren Kriegel; Mentoring Chair, Flo Erickson; Guests – Peter Wilke, Yonsey Karasek

MOTION by McCloskey

Move to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 2, 2011 meeting. Carried without dissent.

Reports

Treasurer's Report:

None

Regional Report:

Tournament Chair Hoffman reported 1176 tables at the regional held in Harris, August 22-28, an increase of more than 23%. The bulk of this increase was in I/N tables. The tournament showed a gross profit of \$14,774. There were increased costs to ACBL due to the additional tables and increased expenses for advertising and promotional items. (Report attached).

Budget and Finance Report:

Chair Rhodes reported via email that the committee is complete. Other members are WUMBA Treasurer Don Schuette; Andress; Carlson; Jim Jackson, Upper Peninsula; McCloskey and Ryan. No business has been put before the committee as yet.

Education Committee Report:

Konrad reported on the 299er Half Price Promotion and the introduction of the Lunch and Learn program. Hoffman reported on the continuing education of five WUMBA teachers and the addition of seven new teachers. Flo Erickson was introduced as the new Mentoring Chair. Erickson presented a draft of a program to improve mentoring in WUMBA. (Reports attached).

Youth Representative Report:

Kriegel reported on the activities of WUMBA's youth including his Eagle Project and the YNABC at which Kriegel became WUMBA's youngest Life Master. (Report attached).

Membership Committee:

Murphy announced Cerona Stevens has accepted the appointment to Membership Chair. In doing this job in the interim, Murphy felt it would be helpful to send ACBL's monthly In/Out Report to all of the club managers/owners, particularly in identifying deaths.

Unit Tournament Coordinator Report:

None

Unit Newsletter Report:

None.

Murphy noted members have expressed a desire to continue providing printed copies of the newsletter in addition to online.

Unfinished Business

Status of Split Regional:

Wilke, District Tournament Coordinator and member of Unit 222, GMBA reported the division among their board on this issue is largely dissolved. A special meeting of their board will be held on October 1 to discuss the prospects of holding their regional in Milwaukee concurrent with us which would provide an annual regional for both units. GMBA President, John Pereles has asked WUMBA to send a statement of confidence in this prospect. Wilke also noted he expects there will be some resistance to this arrangement by the Chicago unit at the District meeting.

MOTION by Konrad

Move to send a statement of confidence to GMBA. Carried without dissent.

Procedure Manual:

Murphy reported Carlson has agreed to work on this project.

Partnership Desk Concerns:

Murphy asked the board to consider a policy to support partnership desks with problem players. It was agreed this should be covered under Zero Tolerance.

MOTION by Carlson

Move to prepare a statement to be sent to tournament chairs and partnership chairs that Zero Tolerance should be applied to problem players. Carried without dissent.

New Business

Next Regional:

Murphy noted the unit will need to purchase additional materials for the next regional.

Hayward Sectional Tournament Schedule Conflict:

Karasek reported that District 14 has scheduled a USBF event and concurrent regional for the same weekend as the Hayward Sectional in 2012. It was the consensus of the board that Hayward attempt to find a different weekend in the fall to hold their sectional.

Proxies:

Murphy stated although the new bylaws no longer provide for proxies, he would like to see members encouraged to attend board meetings. He especially hopes board members who cannot attend will have someone from their zone attend in their stead. Hoffman noted that not having proxies presents problems in terms of reaching a quorum.

Sunshine Policy:

Murphy asked the board for input concerning setting a policy in the event of deaths and illness.

Voting Youth Representative:

Murphy asked the board to think about making the Youth Representative a voting position.

Announcements

Thank you notes from Roswall and Kriegel were circulated.

MOTION by McCloskey to adjourn.

The date of the next meeting to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Secretary, Denise Hoffman