

WUMBA Board Meeting Agenda

Appleton Friday April 10th, 2026

- I. Call to order** : Meeting was called to order by David Raitt at 5:05 pm
- II. Roll call & Introduction of new members**
Larry Peterson (Appleton), Chelley Andress (Eau Claire), Marge Morgan (Madison), Bill Higbee (Madison), Karen Reese (Marquette), Bill Christensen (Arbo Vitae), David Raitt (Madison) Wayne Peters (Appleton), Cerona Stevens (Marquette), Mary Schommer (Waupaca), George Bleskachek (Eau Claire), Emalyn Nikstad (Wausau), Mollie Freier (Marquette)
- III. Approval of minutes from September 12th in Wausau**
Wayne moved, Bill C, seconded that we approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- IV. Election:** Presentation of slate of Board Officers
President: Wayne Peters
President-Elect: Judy Niesing
Treasurer: Bil Higbee
Secretary: Mollie Freier
Bill C moved to accept the slate, Marge seconded. Motion Carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report** : Bill Higbee—we lost about \$4000 total last year, and lost \$5000 on sectionals. Things were better in 2025 than 2024. Bill thinks things will be better with the higher entry fee. We're still healthy financially. District 13 is going to change how district surcharges are collected—they're considering a table by table surcharge.
- VI. Unit Tournament Coordinator**
George Bleskachek reported that all tournaments have been scheduled.
- VII. Membership Report**
Emalyn Nikstad reported that membership has been flat for the last four years.
- VIII. Intermed./Novice & Education Chair and Mentorship chairs**
Karen Reese and Cerona Stevens had no report.
- IX. Old Business**
We discussed the possibility of a change of venue for the WUMBA Regional. Carol Moore of Marquette had been asked to look into scheduling the Island Resort and Casino in Harris, but without firm dates that has been difficult. The split regional format also requires that the location be a certain distance from the Milwaukee part of the split. It was suggested that we ask District 13 how they determine how many regionals we can have without having them simultaneously. Karen moved that we ask District 13 how they determine regionals and if we can have our own regional rather than a split. Marge

seconded. Motion carried. District 13 reps are Wayne, Bill H, Cerona, and Mollie. Wayne also said that Yvette requested that we start sessions a bit later for people who travel.

X. New business:

Request for outlines describing roles of officers and board chairs:

Pres./Vice/Sec./Treas./Member/ Mentorship/I.N. Educ./Web/T. Coord. It was suggested that the people who do these jobs write an outline of what they do.

Someone asked how we could access our accounts if anything happened to a treasurer. It was suggested that some kind of access be given to someone besides the treasurer. Bill will also start sending quarterly reports.

Discuss possible use of WUMBA funds to promote membership. Karen suggested that money be used to promote new bridge clubs or club games in new locations. We also will contact ACBL about promotional materials, especially video.

XI. Announcements: Next Meeting 9/18 in Wausau
David moved we adjourn. We adjourned at 6:05