

Present: Mary Glasson, Gregg Underheim, Adam Gewiss, Errol Hartman, Bill Higbee, Judy Niesing, Bill Anderson, Bill Christensen, Cerona Stevens, Bill Murphy, Paul Seiser, George Bleskachek, Wayne Peters, Colleen McCabe (for Marge), Jim Bloedorn, David Raitt, Mary S, Emalyn Nikstad Guest: Yvette Neary (President of District 13)

Wayne called the meeting to order 4:52 (David arrived later and chaired most of the meeting)

Approval of minutes (Mollie Freier)

Minutes from April's meeting and September 2019 were approved.

Treasurer's report (Bill Higbee)

There's a loss of \$1500 this year, so far. Attendance was down overall.

Equipment purchases and 2nd year dues were also expenses.

Interest income about \$1200. Cash flow got interesting because of our CDs.

We have a lot coming in from ACBL, and other assets.

Some liabilities—including outstanding checks.

There were some discrepancies in the billing from the Madison tournament and others' reporting. The rent in Madison went up to \$1500 (from \$1000 the previous year). EC rent was only \$800.

ACBL sent us \$453 for a STaC, but then asked for it back. We sent them the money, but they also took it out of EC.

Possible liability—a pair in Madison thought they would have teammates, but they did not. They are asking for compensation for their hotel.

David began presiding.

Membership report (Emalyn Nikstad)

Emalyn presented the membership report. We're a bit up from last year, but down from pre-pandemic.

Education report (Gregg Underheim)

Gregg reported that several tournaments have requested Lunch and Learn sessions, and they are very well-received. Tournament chairs can request sessions.

Unit tournament coordinator report (George Bleskachek)

Madison August 2024. David Raitt commented on the directing, as did Bill Christensen. Caddy pay was another issue—the director wound up paying the caddy out of his own pocket. There are fewer directors in ACBL and they are spread too thin, working more tournaments per director.

George suggested that the December Madison tournament be a local tournament--only two sessions, 80% silver, no pair/team games. Discussion ensued. Issues included the possibility of pair-team games, availability of directors, limits on tables for local tournaments, costs. Local tournaments must be run cash-only. There was agreement that, if a director is available, we have regular sectionals, but, if no director is available, we would convert to a local-- distinction

must be made on the flyer from the beginning. If the only director available is acceptable to the tournament chair, the chair should have authority to accept (or not accept) the available director.

The Lake Haillie Regional (a.k.a. Eau Claire) made a profit,

Bill Higbee raised the question of Door County tournament and WUMBA unit games. The unit is assigned unit championship games, which are played at multiple clubs. They award more masterpoints and must be sanctioned in advance. They are available to held at multiple sites simultaneously.

George said that the Egg Harbor invitational plans to go to a local sectional in future. Wayne moved that we endorse this as long as we don't have any financial involvement. Bill C. seconded. motion carried, with one opposed.

Yvette (visiting as District president) asked how this would be different from the recently denied request from a Chicago club? She agreed that, if we call it a WUMBA sectional, it'll be fine.

George added that starting next year we would have to have a second director for all third sessions to reduce the strain on tournament directors--so we will all have to have two-session days or find another director for the third session (the idea of paying for two directors per sectional was not even discussed).

Partnership issue at Madison sectional. David explained that he'd handed it off to the tournament chair, but nobody thought of creating a 6-person team. George said that the partnership chair and the tournament chair should have stepped down so that the pair could have teammates. Mollie moved, Wayne seconded, that we reimburse the injured pair. Gregg pointed out that when he served as partnership chair he never scheduled games for himself. Bill H. suggested that the money come from the tournament fund. Cerona asked if this would set a precedent. We agreed that we would deal with any similar issues on a case-by-case basis. Motion carried, with two opposed.

Web site modernization

Judy Niesing was named chair of the subcommittee to investigate modernization. She will be joined by Mollie and Marge(?)

New business

Role clarifications (board, chair director, coordinator)

Wayne has put together a tournament chair guide for WUMBA. Yvette pointed out that the wording should not create the effect of making demands on tournament directors.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.