

## **WUMBA Board Meeting**

12 September 2025

The meeting was called to order by President David Raitt at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Wayne Peters, David Raitt, Emalyn Nikstad, Mary Schommer, Marge Morgan, Bill Anderson, Bill Christensen, Bill Murphy, Bill Higbee, George Bleskachek, Adam Gewiss, Karen Reese. Cerona Stevens, Mollie Freier, Judy Niesing

### **Approval of minutes**

Bill C moved we approve the minutes, and Mary seconded as amended to include her last name.

Minutes approved.

### **Treasurer's report**

We're down \$400 for the year 2025. We're losing money on all sectionals, and attendance is down. EC attendance was down about 10%. There were questions about the Tournament Director's expenses (we may have made only \$600 not \$1200). Also questions about Madison. Also questions about the amount of the rent. There's also a question about \$600 for the rent for Madison: Glenna had been reimbursed for a deposit in that amount, and wants to use that money for reserving the new venue. It was agreed that we should get the money back or ask for a receipt for the money paid to the new venue.

We've lost about \$2400 year to date. We might be leaving money that ACBL could be paying us as part of the 5-5-5 program. Interest income is holding up. The increase in tournament entry fees will probably allow us to break even.

### **Unit tournament coordinator's report**

Summarized what George knew about upcoming tournaments. Green Bay. There's a new venue, but it costs \$400 more to hold the tournament Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (13-15 May). Marge moved, Wayne seconded that we encourage Green Bay to hold the tournament then.

Door County. They have a sanction for two weeks after Minocqua (George checked with Lee Schultz before booking it). Questions about insurance—apparently Marquette is the only tournament that gets the insurance certificate from ACBL. Mollie will send the link to the form to the board. Bill C moved that we give a sanction for a local sectional to Door County in June with a fee (\$280?). Judy seconded. Motion carried with three dissents.

## **Membership report**

Emalyn passed out the report. Membership is declining.

5-5-5 program—ACBL will return money to the unit for various recruiting and retention activities. David will send lists to board members for their areas. There is a way to report that these actions have taken place.

## **Intermediate/novice education chair**

Gregg Underheim has resigned from the board, and we should probably assign a replacement intermediate/novice coordinator. This position is responsible for setting up lunch & learns. Gregg also had compiled a list of people who had agreed to provide talks. Karen volunteered.

## **Mentorship chair**

We haven't had one in a while. Cerona volunteered.

## **Nominating committee**

Our nominating committee will consist of President David Raitt, Secretary Mollie Freier, and Member at large Adam Gewiss.

## **Old business**

*Club support liaison chair*—David will work on this

*Web site*--Judy has been looking at other unit websites, and wants to know what information we want on the website. She'll e-mail us within the next week.

## **New Business**

Tournament and club promotion

Position descriptions for the various positions and chairs.

Discussion of changing the venue of our part of the split regional. Discussion of relocating our half of the split to Harris, MI. We have deputed Carol Moore from Marquette to contact the Island Casino.

Bill M. moved we adjourn. We adjourned at 6:34 p.m.