

Subject: Minutest of Unit 178 Board Meeting, August 17, 2023

1. The meeting on Zoom was called to order at 5:10 by Steve Gaynor

Attending:

(members) Steve Gaynor, Tom Botten, Sue Sanger, Jane Schmidt
(others) Teri Blu, Deana Liddy

2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** approved with no corrections.
Review of Action Items:

	Action	Responsible	Due	
1	Steve	Contact Linda Brahmer (property manager?)		Complete. Lynda will remain as property manager
2	Steve	Letter to MN Bridge Blog to withdraw support		Complete
3	Jane	Follow up with Deana on ACBL support for ads, send to others		
4	Jane	Highlight MGSC in email newsletter		

3. Financial Report

Vicky asked about reinvesting in CDs for higher yields. Steve will discuss this with her separately.

4. Tournament reports

2023 Gopher report is complete. Patti is meeting with committee soon to start work on the new brochure. She is also looking to identify someone to cochair and eventually succeed her.

2023 Aquatennial Sectional was a success. Highlights: Only 3 complaints from 4-500 people, raised over \$2000 for Second Harvest, about 25 tables per session (160 tables total). Financials are still in process, but the tournament was profitable. Tom thanks the committee.

The Unit has a sanction for Thursday – Saturday, July 11-13, 2024, but this can be adjusted.

Timing for a second Sectional was discussed, but there is a lot to work around in the spring (Feb Sectional in St Paul, April Sectional in Rochester, online Regional and Spring NABC in March). Rochester also has a Sectional in September. Question was tabled.

Lost quorum at 5:48, but continued reports & discussions

5. **Awards Party** no new information

6. **ACBL Charity offer**

District 14 has been granted \$10,000 to give to up to five charities. We can nominate a charity to receive some of this money. Second Harvest was discussed; Tom and Steve visited their facility to present the money raised at the Sectional. They do a lot of good work. Edina Senior Center is not eligible, as it not a 501c3 organization. No decision was made.

7. Reimbursement

Tom proposed reimbursing the tournament chair for mileage. There is precedence for this as it is in the District by-laws. Steve will check the Unit by-laws, and it will come up for a vote at the next meeting.

8. Using the new bridge center

The new bridge center in Roseville has room for about 30 tables, and may be adequate for a Sectional. Tournament chairs decide the location for tournaments.

St Paul is now offering an evening IN game on Tuesdays.

We discussed adding an evening game. The BAM will stay in Edina, but Keith may add pairs or IN game on Wed between BAM games.

9. Regional & National news

No news regarding the 2026 NABC in Minneapolis; it is being planned by the national organization. Sue wrote questioning the location in downtown vs MOA, but receive no reply yet. ACBL needs a single location with more than 100,000 sq ft, MOA has only 85,000 in one location.

10. Old business, no items

11. New Business

Subscribing to Matt's new website requires a vote of the Board (next meeting). Steve will update information on Unit 178 Board members and games, and will email Board members for approval.

Keith requested funds to buy 2 new servers for Bridgemates, which cost \$288 plus S&H. Request was approved.

Steve will be leaving the Unit 178 Board when his term is up June 1, as he has been elected President of District 14. We need to identify candidates for Board elections in the spring. Board members are urged to become familiar with the District 14 Board, as we have several votes there.

ACBL has a new CEO, don't hesitate to contact her.

Deana's position ends Dec 31. We now report to Dennis Carmen, head of Region 5.

Unit 178 needs to identify a new NAP/GNT coordinator(s), to coordinate qualifying games with game directors and encourage participation.

Actions

	Action	Responsible	Due	Update
1	Vicky, Steve	Decide reinvesting in CDs		
2	Steve	Check Unit by-laws regarding reimbursements for tournament expenses		
3	Steve	Send updated information on Unit Board members, and games to Matt for website		
4	Steve, Keith	More information on servers for Bridgemates to Board members		
5	Jane	Follow up with Deana on ACBL support for ads, send to others		
6	Jane	Highlight MGSC in email newsletter		