

**Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 178 (Viking)**

February 20, 2025

Meeting was held online via Zoom

Called to order 4:30 p.m. by Sue Sanger

Members Present: Sue Sanger (Pres), Teri Blu, Jenny Peterson, Keith Thompson (VP), Jane Schmidt (Secy)

Members absent: Marylou Doerrie, Todd Flowerday, Tom Botten

1. **Minutes of meeting January 2, 2025** accepted
2. **Treasure's report** accepted.
3. **Update on 178/103 Task Force meeting** – Keith, Sue
Task Force of Keith Thompson & Todd Flowerday (178), Matt Balau & Warren Nelson (103) met, along with Unit presidents, Sue Sanger (178) and Sue Greenberg (103) met about 2 weeks ago.
Unit 178 members feel that the 103 Board is not eager to change, but a couple of members may agree.
Task Force is discussing pros/cons, and working on details. Pros are seen as a bigger pool of volunteers, better coordination among metro clubs. Cons are fewer winners in unit Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney races.
The makeup of Board for all MN is contentious. 103 has designated seats for various clubs, while 178 requires more proportional representation.
The alternative of forming a metro unit and outstate unit is viewed even less favorably by Unit 103 board.
4. **Unit 178 Policy Document**
The policy document was revised 2/19 to remove typos.
Motion by Keith to approve the new policy document was approved unanimously.
Sue will send it to Matt Balau to post on the website.
Sue will also send the latest version of the Unit 178 Bylaws to Matt Balau for the website.
5. **Youth Bridge** – Jenny
Jenny presented information on Jump Bridge at the St Cloud Gifted and Talented (GAT) workshop. 82 teachers attended. 3 teachers in St Cloud area will start the program in March; Connie Nelson will reach out to them offering volunteers if needed. More information is at jumpbridge.org. Jenny and Patty Tucker have applied for inclusion in the MN Dept of Education resource book.
Jenny will write a piece for the blog.
Jenny will look for a local math teachers conference in the fall to talk about Jump Bridge.
6. **Bridge in a Day** - Jenny
Jenny took Bridge in a Day training. Board discussed possibly offering the class in conjunction with the

Gopher. One possibility is for Jenny and/or Teri to teach on Saturday if a room is available. There was not a lot of enthusiasm, and no decisions were made.

7. **Update on Sectionals** was not taken up, as neither committee chair attended this meeting.

8. **New Business**

The Awards party will be held Sunday, May 4, jointly with Unit 103. Sue has certificates for the Ace of Clubs awards, ACBL will email certificates for Mimi-McKinney awards. The unit will not purchase medallions for winners.

Teri will ask Sandy Nelson if she is willing to do the food with Amy Dutton (103).

9. **Adjourned 5:30 p.m.**

Next meeting will be March 20 at 4:30.

Action Items

Previous Actions were not addressed at the meeting; updates from notes.

	Action	Responsible	Update
1	Contact lapsed members, update online list	All	No update
2	Challenge Match proposal	Todd	No update
3	Meet with Unit 103 on details of possible merger	Sue, Keith, Todd	On-going
4	Warning about "ACBL" scam in newsletter	Jane	Completed 1/11
5	Youth Bridge at GAT workshops	Jenny	Completed
6	Investigate Bridge in a Day	Jenny	Completed
7	Update Policy Document	Jane	Completed 2/19
8	Policy Document to task force on combining units and blog	Jane	
9	Review Unit Bylaws, Unit 103 bylaws, ACBL template bylaws	All	Completed
10	Email to advertise no increased table fees	Jane	Completed Jan 7
11	Draft questionnaire on table fees	Keith	
12	Send Policy Document and Unit Bylaws to Matt Balau for the website	Sue	New
13	Send Policy Document and Unit Bylaws to members of Task Force on combining units	Sue	New
14	Write piece on Jump Bridge for email	Jenny	New
15	Present Jump Bridge to math teachers conference	Jenny	New
16	Ask Sandy Nelson to do food for Awards party	Teri	New