

American Contract Bridge League
Minnesota Gopher Unit 103
Special Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 18 @ 7:00 pm
Via zoom

Present were: Sue Greenberg, Amy Dutton, Connie Nelson, Keith Thompson, Matt Belau, Rajiv Kapadia, and Lance Chamberlain. Absent was Tom Owens.

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Acting President Sue Greenberg. Tom Owens has agreed to be temporary Secretary until an Executive Secretary can be found, but was unable to be in attendance tonight. Connie Nelson agreed to take minutes for this meeting alone.

Agenda

- Debriefing
- Unit Tournament Coordinator
- NE Area Director
- Plans for Gopher Meeting
- Discussion of Annual Membership Meeting (June 25th in St Cloud)
- President Resignation

Debriefing. Last few weeks have been stressful for all. Now, it is time to move forward. Thanks to all for being patient. Let's set norms for ourselves, and live up to them.

Tournament Coordinator. A motion was made by Keith Thompson to reappoint Matt Belau as Unit 103 Tournament Coordinator. Rajiv Kapadia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Northeast MN Area Director. With the resignation of Dave Griffin, there is a need for a Director to represent the NE part of MN. Warren Nelson is willing to come back on the Board for a time-limited basis (no longer than 2 years). A motion was made by Matt Belau to reappoint Warren Nelson as the NE Director for at least one year. Keith Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Connie Nelson raised the need for a new Director from the St Paul/suburban area. Board members are asked to inquire into people's willingness to serve. Individual(s) interested in serving will be discussed at the next Board meeting to be held May 26th.

Plans for Board Meeting at the Gopher Regional.

Board members discussed potential items needing discussion or action at the upcoming Board meeting. After discussion, **the agenda that emerged** included:

1. **Director for the St Paul Metro Area**
2. **Expectations of Sectional Tournaments: *To Improve Sectionals Going Forward.*** Ideas for discussion included:
 - a. **Recap Rochester: What was great - and, openly discuss issues that arose**
 - i. Partnership Expectations
 - ii. Encouraging C Players
 - iii. Expectations of Tournament Chairs
 - b. **Best Use of Available Unit 103 Sectionals.** Address questions such as:

- i. Is there a cap on the number of Sectionals Unit 103 can hold?
- ii. If allowed sanctions aren't being used, can one particular club go ahead and use them?
- iii. Does the answer depend on whether the Unit participates in the profit/loss?
- iv. Should certain Clubs around the State be encouraged/supported to hold a Sectional? (e.g. Mankato, Woodbury)
- v. Do we want to hold as many Sectionals as we possibly can?
- vi. What do the Players want to see re: Sectionals?

Action Steps to be Taken:

1. Amy Dutton to write a "three question" paper survey asking players what they would like to see re: Sectionals (i.e. number, locations, etc.) Keith Thompson will get copies, and take to Info Desk at the Gopher. Shoe-box return mechanism. By When: May 23.
2. Matt Belau will prepare "the parameters" of holding Sectionals in Unit 103, i.e. numbers, kinds, considerations, etc. By When: May 26.
3. **Unit 103 Board Priorities.** Amy Dutton suggested we discuss. Connie Nelson agreed to draft a "straw man" set of priorities, to use as a starting point for the discussion.
4. **Unit 103 Board Norms.** Amy Dutton suggested we discuss how we treat each other/others. Connie Nelson agreed to prepare draft set of "Norms" for Board consideration.
5. **Unit 103 Membership Meeting.** Sue Greenberg framed this meeting on June 25th as an informational meeting. No action items are needed. To be covered briefly: who the Unit 103 Board members are, what we do, what our priorities are, what we've accomplished, where dollars are used. Sue will not be able to attend. Connie Nelson and Keith Thompson will be in attendance, and can deliver this content – as well as ask for ideas and suggestions from the Players attending. To be held on Saturday between games at the St Cloud Sectional.
 - a. *Membership meals* were authorized by past President Patti Huiras. Connie Nelson asked for Board approval to make the lunch decisions and order lunches for sixty. Approved.
 - b. *Talking points.* Connie will bring draft talking points to May 26 meeting.

President Resignation. Past President Patti Huiras resigned, effective May 8, 2022. Connie Nelson asked Vice President Sue Greenberg to assume the Presidency for the rest of this calendar year, and then hold an election for President in January as part of the usual cycle of elections. Sue agreed to serve. Amy Dutton moved to name Sue Greenberg as President; Matt Belau seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Lance Chamberlain brought up that we need to add a second signer for the Unit's checks. Sue Greenberg agreed to be the second signatory, and will work with Lance to accomplish that.

Next Meeting: May 26, in person, in the Earhart Suite, immediately following the afternoon game at the Gopher. Dinner will be ordered from the restaurant's menu. Tom will be joining by telephone.

Motion adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

Submitted by Connie Nelson, Temporary Secretary