

## **Unit 103 Board Meeting**

December 5, 2023

Meeting called to order via ZOOM at 4:34p by President Sue Greenberg.

Present at the meeting were Keith Thompson, Connie Nelson, Warren Nelson, Sue Greenberg, Matt Belau. Maura Studer from the Alzheimer's Ass'n was also in attendance. Joining mid-meeting was Amy Dutton and Lance Chamberlain. Absent was Tom Owens.

The meeting began with a presentation by Maura Studer from the Alzheimer's Association, providing fundraising and awareness ideas for the Board.

### Board Items that required a vote:

- A motion was made (Connie) and seconded (Warren) to approve of the meeting minutes from September 12, 2023. The motion passed 3-0 (Keith not voting).
- A motion was made (Connie), seconded (Warren), and was approved (4-2) to provide \$300 in compensation to area local clubs that operate a 3-day open sectional or NLM regional of which Unit 103 is financially responsible (Keith, Amy dissenting).

### Reports:

President Greenberg reported:

- Will continue to send ACBL reports from Bronia Jenkins.
- Confirmed upcoming Board members whose term expires will continue on with the Unit 103 Board (Warren [yes], Keith [yes], Rajiv [not sure]).
- Will schedule a short meeting to elect officers sometime on a Tuesday in January 2024.

Mr Chamberlain reported:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financial information will come out in January and that "no surprises are expected" with that report.

Mr Belau reported:

- Tournaments held since last Unit 103 Meeting included the NLM Regional in St Cloud, an Open Sectional in Rochester, and a one-day NLM Sectional in Rochester. All three were profitable; Unit 103 financially sponsored the NLM Regional only.
- St Paul's Holiday Tournament is next; then the Eagan Winter Tournament

- Mankato (via Rajiv) has expressed an interest in having a tournament in the fall of 2024. The Board agreed to move forward with this possibility.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on compensating local clubs that hold tournaments (reimbursing volunteers for their help, etc.). It was decided that clubs which hold a 3-day tournament (either an Open Sectional or a NLM Regional) would be allowed to request up to \$300 from Unit 103.

The Board expressed its dissatisfaction with the way the Grand National Teams has rolled out; communication was supposed to be made from the District to local club managers, but that has not happened. In addition, the Conditions of Contest issued in November violated the ACBL's rules regarding eligibility and required correction and being reissued. Board discussion included ways to create a more player-friendly GNT program (including friendly rivalries between teams in different D14 cities and also running the GNT program as more Grass Roots-oriented).

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Krupke, the St Cloud Club Manager, sent the Board an email requesting "some financial assistance" as "it will cost \$2,000 this fall to recruit new members." It was noted that prior requests from clubs for Unit 103 monies had been denied in the past (outside of the \$500/club/year education grants). Also, if additional fund transfers are going to take place, Unit 103's Policies would have to be changed to reflect this.

Budget considerations were tabled and moved to the January, 2024 meeting.

A motion was made (Matt) and seconded (Amy) to adjourn the meeting at 6:02pm. The motion passed 5-0 (Keith not voting). The next meeting will take place in early January, 2024, most likely on a Tuesday (Sue will send more information in a future email).

Submitted by Matt Belau (Acting Secretary in Tom's absence)