

MINUTES FOR UNIT 178 BOARD MEETING ON SATURDAY, Feb. 27, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Marv Riedesel at 9:30 am. Current board members present were Marv Riedesel, Vicky Smith, Verda Gould, Sue Jackson, Mike Cassel, Paul Gutterman, and Cezanne Martin. Also present were Advisor, Steve Gaynor, Patti Stuhlman, Sharon Anderson, ACBL Board of Directors, and Bob Sigufus.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made and seconded to approve the Jan. minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Checking account balance is \$2073.72. Investment account balance is \$15,000. Savings account balance is \$10,001.26. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Regional 2010: Patti reported that the start time for the games on Monday will be 9:30. The meal plan for Monday has not been finalized. All committees have a chairperson. The Properties committee is looking into the costs of table scoring machines.

State Sectional 2010: The board reviewed the contract proposal from Mystic Lakes Casino and discussed the benefits of various sites. It was moved and seconded to hold the 2010 state sectional at Mystic Lakes Casino with Kathy Beckman and Verda Gould as event chairs. Motion carried.

NAP: The District 14 final dates coincide with two of the 16 days of the World Bridge Championships to be held in Philadelphia. No action was taken.

GNT: It was moved and seconded that Unit 178 contribute \$100 for hospitality at the District 14 finals. Motion carried. Posters about the Unit Final on March 27 will be posted at clubs.

Nominating Committee: Steve reported that the committee has recruited some candidates.

Election Committee: Committee members are being recruited.

Old Business:

Advancement of Bridge: Marv reported that there are many steps to take to use this charity organization to promote bridge in our area. The board is tabling consideration for the time being.

CDs: Vicky reported that a ladder of CDs has been purchased.

Marv asked that the board consolidate discussion of the shuffling machine with new business.

New Business: Marv initiated a general discussion of a duplicating (or shuffling) machine and of electronic scoring machines. Marv reported receiving 6 emails from unit members in support of a duplicating machine. The consensus of the board is that technology innovations are the wave of the future and that we need to move forward. It was moved and seconded that Unit 178 hold a combination Awards and Technology event on Saturday, May 8. Motion carried. Sharon Anderson will handle food for the party. Marv and Paul will meet with representatives of Unit 178 clubs to gather their suggestions on the clubs' role in fundraising and in use of the technology. Marv, Sue, and Verda will organize the event. It was moved and seconded to order medallions for the Mini-McKenney award winners.

Future Meetings: April 3 at the TCBC and, tentatively, May 1 at TCBC.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jackson, Recording Secretary