

MINUTES OF THE 178 BOARD MEETING ON Saturday, April 3, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Marv Riedesel at 9:30 am. Current board members present were Vicky Smith, Verda Gould, Sue Jackson, Mike Cassel, Paul Gutterman, and Cezanne Martin. Also present was Advisor, Steve Gaynor and Mike Flader.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2010, meeting; motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Vicky Smith distributed her report. Assets total \$26,526.21. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried.

Tournament Reports:

2009 Regional: No report. The Board will request that the Regional Planning Committee meet soon to discuss site options for future years.

Minnesota State: The contract has been signed with Mystic Lake Casino.

March Sectional: Because participation sometimes exceeded space available, Teri Blu has agreed not to hold separate I/N sections at club sectionals during high volume times.

NAP: No report.

GNT: Mike reported that 19 teams participated in the Unit Final. Because all four flights had a minimum of 3 teams participating, the winning teams' members will have their District 14 entry fees paid by the proceeds from the Unit final. If there is a small shortage, the two sponsoring units will pay the balance. Mike Cassel moved and it was seconded as follows: In the interest of furthering interest in and support for the Grand National Teams it is proposed that Unit 178 encourage Teri Blu to schedule a GNT fund raiser before the District finals on May 15-16 with the following format: A one-session Swiss Team event where the teams are comprised of pairs from different GNT flights similar in format to the popular novice-mentor games. Stratification by average masterpoints/team, e.g. 0-500, 0-1,500, and 1,500+. This item was tabled.

Nominating Committee: Steve Gaynor reported there are 4 people willing to run for a seat on the board. He will spend one more week seeking candidates.

Elections Committee: It was moved and seconded to appoint the following unit members to the Elections Committee: Cathy Sigafus, Brian Weikle, and Judy Hansen, and to have Paul Gutterman serve as Board liaison. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. Marv met with Teri Blu, Tony Ames, Mike Flader, and Julie Tiegies and Barry Purrington (representing the Grand Slam Club). They enthusiastically support the Unit's plan to provide bridge technology for unit games.
- B. The fundraiser is going well. The May 8 evening game will be an extra points game.
- C. Medallions have been ordered and invitations have been sent for the Awards ceremony.

New Business:

- A. A member requested that the unit hold a charity game this year in addition to the technology fundraiser. After discussion, the Board decided to commit only to holding a charity game in 2011.
- B. Cezanne, Paul, and Steve will work on a job description for a properties manager. The Board will discuss supporting such a position at the next meeting.
- C. District Director Sharon Anderson offered to host a meeting of unit club managers to discuss the long term future of bridge in Unit 178. Marv will work on a possible agenda for such a meeting and then we will discuss the idea next month.

Next meeting date is Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 9:30 am.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Submitted by recording secretary Susan Jackson.