

MINUTES OF THE 178 BOARD MEETING ON Saturday, August 21, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Marv Riedesel at 11:00 am. Board members present were Vicky Smith, Linda Brammer, Sue Jackson, Mike Cassel, Diane Henson, and Julie Tigges. Also present was Historian and Advisor, Steve Gaynor, State Sectional co-chair and NAP coordinator Verda Gould.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2010, meeting; motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Vicky Smith reported total assets of \$32,623.59. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried.

Board Officers: Motion was made and seconded to affirm the following positions: Marv Riedesel, President (one year and then vice president one year); Susan Jackson, Vice-president (one year and then president one year); Vicky Smith, Secretary/Treasurer; Susan Jackson, Recording Secretary; Bob Balderson, Discipline Committee chairperson; Larry Oakey, Recorder; Mike Cassel, GNT Coordinator; Verda Gould, NAP Coordinator (2010 only); Steve Gaynor, ACBL Electronic Contact; Peg Kaplan, Blogmaster; Brendan Byrne (pending his acceptance), Youth Coordinator; and Nita Fronk, I/N Coordinator. Motion carried.

Tournament Reports:

Minnesota State: Verda reported that Randy Mertens and John Koch will be the guest lecturers. Don and Laurie McCormick will be I/N coordinators. Anyone interested in being a stand-by player should contact Verda.

2011 Regional: Sue reported that the room we normally use at the Ramada will not be available for us to start the tournament one day earlier. Marv will ask Patti to call a meeting of the regional planning committee.

NAP: It is time to publicize the NAP District Final on October 2-3.

GNT: Mike Cassel reported on the master point award structure approved by the Board of Directors in New Orleans. The Board also approved the use of on-line play in a District Final.

Old Business:

- A. **Properties:** It was moved and seconded to approve Linda Brammer as property chair with a salary of \$12 per hour. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to authorize the property chair to spend up to \$200 for supplies without prior Board approval. Expenditures will be reported to the Board. Motion carried. Sue Jackson will contact Baron Barclay about Dealer labels for the boards.
- B. **Meeting:** A meeting to discuss the future of bridge in Unit 178 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Sharon and Roger Anderson's home. Diane will send invitations to a variety of players, directors, and teachers by email.
- C. **Appreciation Night:** Approximately 90 people attended the Donor Appreciation dinner August 14. Board discussed the need to consult the church calendar before scheduling a large bridge event. Marv will work with Teri on obtaining portable Handicap Parking signs so that more such parking spots will be reserved when there is a large bridge event.

New Business:

- A. It was moved and seconded to appoint Linda Brammer, Sue Jackson, and Julie Tigges as delegates to the District 14 Board meeting in Fargo. Motion carried.
- B. The election committee reported that 145 members voted; the committee also reported on strengths and weakness of the process. Vicky will work on possible changes to our election procedures based on the committee's recommendations.
- C. The Board approved a request to hold a limited masterpoint sectional four times per year at the Twin Cities Bridge Center. The Board recommends holding 499er events because

of the new Life Master requirements. Steve Gaynor will work with Teri on dates. The Board approved the TCBC holding a limited point game Sunday night of the MN State Sectional. Next month the Board will discuss the March sectional.

- D.** The Board supports Novice/Experienced games and encourages members to attend the next one on Thursday, Sept. 23. The Board recommended that fewer boards be played to allow time for post-play discussion. Linda Brammer will recruit people to lead post-game discussions, with the event ending by 10 pm.
- E.** Diane Henson will look into using Constant Contact email service.
- F.** The Board declined to nominate anyone to be the ACBL Goodwill Member of 2011.

Next meetings: Saturdays, September 25 and October 23, at 9:30 am.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:40 pm.
Submitted by recording secretary Susan Jackson.