

MINUTES OF THE 178 BOARD MEETING ON Saturday, October 23, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Marv Riedesel at 9:30 am. Board members present were Vicky Smith, Linda Brammer, Sue Jackson, Julie Tigges, Mike Cassel, and Diane Henson. Also present was Historian and Advisor, Steve Gaynor; I/N Coordinator, Nita Fronk; State Sectional co-chair and NAP coordinator Verda Gould; Gopher Regional co-chair Patti Stuhlman, and Normandy Hamilton.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2010, meeting; motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Vicky Smith reported total assets of \$30,990.17. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried. It was moved and seconded to pay Unit 103 \$463.00 to pay half the cost of recovering 57 jointly owned tables. Motion carried.

Tournament Reports:

Minnesota State: Verda reported that plans are proceeding smoothly. We have met our hotel room minimum. Tables will arrive at 6:00 pm on Thursday. For pair/team games, pairs will draw for teammates from within their bracket. Flight C players may choose their own teammates.

2011 Regional: Patti highlighted events of the May regional. Preliminary flyers should be available soon. Sue Jackson will publicize the process for naming a regional event in honor of someone. The budget has been increased to offer morning and midday hospitality (hospitality co-chairs are needed). Units 178 and 103 will provide electronic scoring machines to the tournament. Patti will look into the possibility of renting lights to brighten the playing area.

NAP: The tournament went smoothly, but attendance was down from two years ago. More marketing efforts at the District level are needed. Verda resigned as the unit coordinator, and the Board thanked her for her service. A new Unit 178 NAP coordinator is needed.

GNT: Mike Cassel is contacting all district 14 players with more than 5000 master points about options that could increase their participation.

Education: Mary Vik has 16 students learning bridge at Cretin-Derham Hall. They meet on Mondays during the lunch hour. She could use some assistance.

Intermediate/Newcomer: Nita Fronk is creating a directory of 299er players. Sue Jackson has a first draft of a Welcome to Duplicate Bridge brochure.

Properties: Linda went over details about Unit 178 property to be numbered and inventoried.

Meeting with 103: Much of the discussion centered on the number and quality of sectionals, the difficulty of finding a reasonably priced venue available over a weekend, and the strong, but differing, opinions about pair/team games.

Old Business:

A. Long Range Planning Meeting: About 20 people have agreed to attend so far.

B. Election Process: tabled

C. Email Service: Trial with new service went well. To be discussed more next meeting.

New Business: none

Next board meetings: Saturday, December 11, at 9:30 am.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Submitted by recording secretary Susan Jackson.