

Subject: Minutes of Unit 178 Board Meeting, October 19, 2023

1. Meeting on Zoom was called to order at 4:35 by Steve Gaynor

Attending:

(members) Steve Gaynor, Sue Sanger, John Schlundt, Jane Schmidt
(others) Deanna Liddy, Teri Blu, Matt Balau, Keith Thompson

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** approved
Review of Actions

	Action	Responsible	Due	Update
1	Vicky, Steve	Decide reinvesting in CDs		Not yet
2	Steve	Check Unit by-laws regarding reimbursements for tournament expenses		Complete
3	Steve	Send updated information on Unit Board members, and games to Matt for website		
4	Steve, Keith	More information on servers for Bridgemates to Board members		
5	Jane	Follow up with Deana on ACBL support for ads, send to others		Complete
6	Jane	Highlight MGSC in email newsletter		Complete

3. **Treasurer's Report** none this month

4. **Tournament Reports**

- a. Gopher Committee met. Tournament schedule will be the same as 2023. Members with 0-15 MP will have free entry, will waive charge to Ed Fund if the tournament is financially successful. John will talk to Ed Fund about this.
- b. Summer Sectional: Marc Ashton will chair the summer sectional. It will be 3 days again. Location may be in Roseville or at 2nd Harvest. Marc is working on fundraising to enhance the tournament experience.

5. **Expense reimbursement** for tournament chair and volunteers. Steve found nothing in the unit by-laws regarding this. After some discussion of the scope, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that mileage be reimbursed to the tournament chair at the IRS rate.

6. **Filling Committees**

- a. GNT/NAP coordinator(s) promote the games, especially among B and C level players. This is PR only, directors run the games themselves. Matt also promotes the games on the website. Sue is recruiting.
 - b. ACBL has guidelines for other committees.
 - c. Recorder is not needed, as that function is provided by the District Recorder.
- 7. Unit 178 Elections.** At least 3 seats on the board will be open this year. Elections will be held at the Gopher. All board members should be recruiting candidates.
- 8. New Member recruitment.** Tony is teaching classes in Edina, and Larry is teaching in St Paul. The Tuesday game has 8-9 tables regularly. There are 5-6 tables at Chat Bridge; we discussed how to grow this. Teri, John, and Tony will investigate placing an ad in the Strib.
- 9. Using Robots to fill-in live games.** Robots are used regularly in the Tues game, and have been used successfully in the Wed team game. Some players need a bit of training, but otherwise no issues; directors can penalize players who refuse to use them. Robots are only used to fill a table and avoid a sit-out. Generally, Keith brings the i-pads and sets them up; Tony & Scott are unlikely to use them otherwise.
- 10. Coordinating schedules.** Some scheduling conflicts have arisen with Unit 103. Some things that will help:
 cc Unit 103 on email newsletters
 coordinate communications with Matt (who send Unit 103 emails)
 include a link to the new MN Bridge website monthly
- 11. Spring Sectional.** Sue encourages us to have a spring sectional again. Schedule is getting crowded in Feb-April. Best time would be early March or late April. Could have it in Roseville, but may conflict with awards party. Look into options.
- 12. 5:35 Adjourned**

Actions

	Action	Responsible	Due	Update
1	Steve, Vicky	Decide reinvesting in CDs		
2	John	Approach Ed Fund about support for players with <15 MP at Gopher		
3	John, Teri, Tony	Investigate putting an ad in the Strib		
4	Jane	cc Unit 103 on email newsletters, coordinate with Matt, include a link to the new MN Bridge website monthly		