

Board of Directors Meeting

ACBL Unit 178 (Viking)

January 14, 2026

The meeting was held online via Zoom

Called to order at 5:03 by Keith Thompson

Attending

Board Members: Keith Thompson, President; Jane Schmidt, secretary; Teri Blu; Todd Flowerday

Others: Steve Gaynor; Norrie Thomas; Tia Senenfelder

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Agenda:

1. Presentation on new club, Spades & Company, by Norrie Thomas. More info at spadesandcompany.org
The club offers competitive bridge, but social connections are primary.
Format is lesson, then game, followed by analysis of the hands for enhanced learning.
Steve Gaynor and Sara Wahl will offer lessons.
New location at 12805 Hwy 55, Plymouth, suite #111. Space is large enough to hold a tournament there, possibly store some Unit equipment.

Board is committed to supporting this new club.

Norrie will submit a request for start-up materials.

Norrie will request MN Ed Fund and/or ACBL Ed Fund support for books for classes.

Todd will ask for duplicate books from St Paul library.

2. Tournaments
 - a. Aquatennial Sectional, Mar 26-28
Keith is chair, Sue is partnership chair. Pair/Team and IN games.
Todd will do the flyer
Jane will send email when flyer is ready
 - b. Fall sectional, Oct 22-24. Steve requested sanction.
3. New recruiting strategies
 - a. Sue suggested a handout for players to distribute to social bridge players.
Sue will sketch a handout
Jane will approach Tia for design

- b. Keith suggested attaching a coupon for free play to the Where We Play flyer
 - c. Steve emphasized calling (rather than texting) lapsed members
Steve will send link to at risk list
 - d. Keith talked about getting newer players to NABC in Minneapolis.
4. Other:
- Keith will talk to Matt about coordinating tournament schedules with 103.

Next meeting: Feb 25 at 5:00

Actions:

	Action	Responsible	Update
1	Contact lapsed members, update online list	All	Ongoing
2	Request for start-up materials for Spades & Co	Norrie Thomas	
3	Aquatennial flyer	Todd	
4	Aquatennial email	Jane	
5	Outline handout for social bridge players	Sue	
6	At Risk link to board	Steve	