

Board of Directors Meeting

ACBL Unit 178 (Viking)

February 25, 2026

Approved March, 18, 2025

The meeting was held online via Zoom

Called to order at 5:00 by Keith Thompson

Attending

Board Members: Keith Thompson, President; Sue Sanger, VP; Jane Schmidt, secretary; Teri Blu; Todd Flowerday; Marsha Devine

Others: Steve Gaynor; Jean Boettcher, Vicky Smith, Treasurer

Agenda:

1. Minutes of Jan 14 meeting were approved without comment
2. Marilou Doerrie has resigned from the Board. Marsha Devine is the new member.
Keith will thank Marilou for her service.
The Board welcomes Marsha
3. Discussion of whether the Treasurer should be a voting member.
Vicky does not think it necessary. Since the bylaws limit members to two 4-year terms, it should be considered within a larger context. The suggestion was tabled.
4. 5/5/5 Program
Thanks to Keith's hard work at the end of 2025, the Unit got full funding.
We have 16 lapsed members to contact. Keith will send a letter offering free play to returning members.
To get new players to the NABC, Keith proposed outreach to social bridge players. Sue will draft description of differences between duplicate and social bridge, which members can give to social players. Suggested adding free play to new player and the recruiter.
Teri offered to sign up her students, but not sure of details.
Junior players can play at NABC for \$5. Keith offered to have Unit pay for students being coached by Matthew Bribitzer-Stoll
5. Treasurer's report showed about \$4000 for up-charges for special games at the clubs over 11 months. Scott's game grew during that time. The policy will be continued indefinitely.
6. Tournaments
Aquatennial Sectional (March 26-28) Todd will get the flyer printed. Jane will send email to publicize.
Steve will apply for a sanction for the fall sectional in Roseville.
7. Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, April 25, at the Bridge Center of St Paul, in conjunction with Keith's Saturday game. The Unit will provide lunch. Cost of the game will be \$8, free for the top 3 Award winners in each category.
8. Spades and Company
Request for funding. Keith told Norrie about other sources of support, i.e., ACBL Ed Fund and

MN Ed Fund. A newer server, some Bridgemates, boards, and bidding boxes have been provided. Kim makes boards for Spades & Co, so they do not need a dealing machine at this time. The Unit will consider specific requests for equipment directly related to Bridge.

Norrie is getting her teaching certificate at the Spring NABC.

Some changes are anticipated for Scott's games as the Maple Grove Community Center will close temporarily for remodeling. The Thurs game may move to Plymouth; Edina wants the Wed game to continue.

9. Bridge Etiquette flyer for new players at NABC

Keith proposed purchasing 500 copies of 8-page booklet on bridge etiquette to be given to new players at NABC, sponsored by Unit 178. It was generally felt that this was too much information to be read and absorbed before the session, and would even be intimidating. In general, it would be better to focus on getting new players to local games, rather than to the NABC.

Adjourned at 6:56

Next meetings will be March 18 and April 15 at 5:00

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