

Minutes of the Board of Directors
ACBL Unit 374

February 12, 2023

Members Present: David Barbour, Ranjit Bose, Ben Franz, Barb Kaspar, Sue Kelly, Wilma Morris, Barry Nagel, Donna Romm, Marc Stone, Mary Strong, Bob Zipp

Attending via Zoom: Shirley Best, Neil Hunter

President Donna Romm called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Donna Romm

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT—Edith Merrett

The January minutes were previously e-mailed to the board. Bob Zipp moved to approve the minutes, Barb Kaspar seconded. The motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bob Zipp

None

GAME MANAGER'S REPORT—Bob Zipp

Bob reported that he would be scheduling GNT qualifying games from September through February and NAP qualifying games from June through August. He will try to schedule a novice game sometime in March. A GNT swiss team game will be held on the last Sunday in February. Bob also explained that the unit can have twenty-four unit championship games a year. The unit can also schedule ACBL charity games and unit charity games. He is working to create a schedule of games that will be posted.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Ben Franz

The financial statements for the month of January were previously e-mailed to the board. Due to the conversion to an all credit card system, the January statements do not include any income from the regional tournament. We are currently running a deficit of \$2,606.12. This deficit is the result of advance payment of many regional expenses. Income of \$19,521.46 and expenses of \$10,444.35 for the regional are expected for this month. Ben has sent out 1099 tax forms and will complete the unit tax return as soon as online forms are available.

HOSPITALITY REPORT—Sue Kelly

No report.

MEMBERSHIP – Marc Stone

A membership report was previously e-mailed to the board. Marc reported no new members, four reinstated members, one transfer in, and two transfers out. We currently have 411 active members. Marc will contact Craig Tyner regarding updating the member board at the back of the club.

I/T WEBSITE—David Barbour

Dave reported the unit website now includes the current year Mini-McKenney race results and can be updated monthly. Last year's results are also posted.

EQUIPMENT – Barb Kaspar

Barb reported that we had everything needed for the regional.

EDUCATIONAL CHAIR – Barry Nagel

Various dates were discussed for the Fall Seminar and it was decided that the weekend of September 9-10 would work best. Barry will make inquiries as to who is available for that weekend.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT – Ben Franz

A financial report for the regional was previously sent to the board. The regional made a profit of \$4,200. We are starting planning the next two year's regional tournaments. We have sanctions for 2024 and 2025. Ben is meeting with the Marriott this week to go over basic terms (room rates, parking, AV charges, etc.). He wants to reinstate a force majeure clause and redefine the penalty and liquated damages section.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS – Ranjit Bose

Ranjit reported that all sectional dates for 2023 are approved, as well as our sanction for our 2024 I/N sectional. Dates for 2024 open sectionals are pending. Ranjit is looking at how to cut costs and how to improve communications.

NEWSLETTER – Mary Strong

Suggestions for the April newsletter included a quarterly game schedule and an article on the difference between the unit board and the DCBC board.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE – Neil Hunter

Neil reported that the flyer and schedule for the upcoming Taos regional is ready.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussions on helping new players advance, reviewing the Sunday game schedule, and the mission of the archivist were tabled for future agendas. It was brought up that local unit charity games need sanction numbers.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

President Donna Romm adjourned the meeting at 1:07 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 12 noon at the Duke City Bridge Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Strong for Edith Merrett, Secretary
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