

Minutes

Unit 178 Board Meeting August 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Sue Jackson, Steve Gaynor, Barb Zipoy, Linda Brammer, Liz Hughes and Diane Hensen were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Financial report was approved.

Tournament Reports:

There was a discussion regarding the use of Fast Track results for next year's regional and also for the sectional. Barb will order the cards with the information for the sectional. Planning is ongoing for the sectional with some interest in exploring other locations.

Education:

Gary Rowland is looking for teachers to sponsor bridge in schools (K-12). Linda Brammer suggested inviting Gary to serve in the open Education spot on the unit board and all agreed this was a good idea. Sue will contact him.

Steve Gaynor is looking for grants to start a bridge program at the U of M. The ACBL will help in this and Eric Henderson has volunteered to spearhead it. Several other professors/bridge players have been identified as potential allies. Everyone agreed to pursue this.

Properties:

There are tables jointly owned by the two units that were damaged in transit to or from the Eau Claire tournament. We agreed that we would pay our share but the board had questions whether we in fact needed all the tables jointly owned and whether replacement or repair was the more viable option. It was suggested that we share the cost of a property manager and hang on to a key to the trailer.

Old Business:

The Charity game was a big success exceeding the goal for The Tree Trust. Sandy did a great job on the food. We could have had more people, however, and some talked of changing the date or the venue to see if we could get higher participation.

New Business:

District 14 meeting. Sue and Diane will be in Sioux City and will represent us at the District Meeting. (Kerry has since agreed to be the third representative at the District Meeting.) One issue to be brought up is an update of the Policy Handbook.

Diane is looking at upgrading the 299 Sectional including meals and a single session swiss. She also suggested having the GNT finals in Rochester.

Judy M. drafted a proposal to get (more) working adults interested in duplicate. We decided for the time being we would focus on the U and the schools projects.

There was some interest in starting a mentoring game to get less experienced players to play with more experienced. Steve offered to direct the game and Peg Mitchell's name was mentioned as a possible resource to help organize and plan treats. Sue agreed to ask her if she would be interested.

The next meeting was set for October 11. The meeting was adjourned.