

ACBL UNIT 116 BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2024
ZOOM MEETING

Larry Abate, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Others in attendance were John Bava, Rajat Basu, Joyce Greenspan, Sandi England and Ruth Wurster.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$11,524.38, with the only current expenditure \$48.93 to Larry for a new coffee maker. Since Kathy Pollack is no longer a member of the Board, John proposed taking Kathy's name off the accounts at Northwest Bank and putting Larry's name on the accounts instead. Joyce seconded. Approved. Rajat moved and Larry seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

There were several corrections to the minutes from February 14, 2004. In the second paragraph, add "of the December 12, 2023 meeting". The third paragraph should be a loss of \$319, not 4319, and correct the spelling of Ruth Nawotniak's name. John moved and Joyce seconded to accept the corrected minutes. Carried.

Much discussion followed about the Spring sectional April 26-28 at Buffalo Bridge Center. Joyce will ask Betty Metz to open early for set-up, and Terry Fraas has said she will give Ruth a key to the kitchen area. Joyce has called people to bake. We won't have bagels in the mornings, but will serve coffeecakes and sweet breads instead. Sandi has made a list of nearby restaurants. John talked to Firehouse Subs for delivery on Sunday noon and Larry will sell tickets for the subs—Italian, tuna and veggie.

ACBL has a program 5-5-5 to encourage increased membership. Sandi is working on that program. She reported that Unit 116 has met the quota for the first quarter with 35 people either joining ACBL or renewing their membership. Unit 116 will receive \$115. ACBL sends out a list of those with less than 5 master points, or whose membership is about to expire.

How do we encourage new members to play face to face? Betty Metz is organizing training sessions for new members. Pay Haynes would like an article in the retired teachers' newsletter, Larry will talk to members of his homeowner association and will talk with Bonnie Clement about contacts. Jim Gullo is offering a series of classes for advancing players.

Sandi has devised a friendly stratification explanation for those with less than 499 master points. She will send an email to those people, talk to those taking beginner lessons from Ruth Nawotniak and to Dave Larcom, the director in East Aurora.

Larry mentioned that nominations for the Ann McGilvey award for outstanding volunteer are being accepted in District 5. We have no nominations.

Rajat asked for suggestions for changing the website. John suggested ideas from the Unit, and also updating new members quarterly. Raj could also check websites from other Units for ideas. Watch out for ads.

The next meeting will be May 6 at 3:00 P.M. on Zoom.
At 8:00 P.M., John moved and Sandi seconded that the the meeting be adjourned.
Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Wurster
Recording Secretary