

ACBL UNIT 116 BOARD MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
MAY 6, 2024

President Larry Abate called the meeting to order at 3:04P.M. Others present were John Bava, Sandi England, Joyce Greenspan, and Ruth Wurster.

John presented the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$14,491.91, which includes a profit from the spring sectional of \$2273.24. Sandi moved to accept the treasurer's report and Larry seconded. Carried. John suggested buying 6 dozen new decks of cards at \$33 a dozen, for a total of \$198. Ruth moved to buy new cards and Sandi seconded. Carried. Ruth suggested buying 2 large plastic pitchers at Walmart for \$2.98 each. Larry will buy. Sandi moved and John seconded to buy the pitchers. Carried.

Minutes were approved as written.

Ruth asked about John Brennen as there is no contact information about him in the directory. Sandi will check with Bert Feasley and/or BBC.

Sandi reported on the 5-5-5- incentive from ACBL. So far the local response has been low, but Sandi will contact 11 more people in the future. Larry sent a flyer about learning to play bridge to Bonnie Clement, who will post it on her facebook page. He suggested a free play to those members who bring in new members to join ACBL. BBC is doing the same thing without incentives. After some discussion, the Board decided not to offer free plays. Larry will also speak to his homeowner's association about playing bridge, and perhaps joining ACBL.

Betty Metz has asked the Unit to sponsor a mentoring program. Betty would choose the mentors. It's a valuable program. John suggested paying the mentors up to 5 times playing with a mentee. Larry will ask about length of time and who the mentors would be.

Much discussion followed about the spring sectional held for the first time at the Buffalo Bridge Center. There were a total of 99 tables for the 3 day event, more total tables than in September. The BBC was a workable venue and we used all the rooms. Because of this, it was mentioned that there is a computer program for the director to use for monitoring director calls. No action was taken. Some of the back rooms were stuffy and we'll ask Terry Fraas about correcting this.

The summer sectional is planned for July 12-14, 2024 at the BBC. Times are changed to begin at 10:00 A.M. and 2:15 P.M. The flyer is ready and will be mailed out to all members mid-June, then 2 weeks and 1 week ahead of the game. A woman named Grace had a food truck on Friday of the spring sectional and a suggestion was made to have her come on Friday and Saturday for the summer sectional also. Larry will check into this. Firehouse subs will be available for purchase on Sunday. John will co-ordinate that. Joyce and Ruth will take care of coffee and snacks during the days.