

**UNIT 116 OF ACBL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 2, 2023 10 A.M. Joyce Greenspan's Home**

President John Bava called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were Larry Abate, Joyce Greenspan, and Carol Licata. Agenda and discussions follow.

- **Approval of June 20 Board Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Motion to approve and seconded after a suggested change.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Discussion re the fact that our cost control efforts have stopped the financial losses
  - b. Discussion of some of the costs for local vs. ACBL tournament directors. The Unit is saving money using Art and Kathy as directors. Art and Kathy recently completed the ACBL certification process to enable them to direct at local sectionals..
  - c. The report was approved. Excellent work by Kathy
- **Youth Program**
  - a. Kids did exceptionally well at the Nationals. Consideration should be given to recognizing them at a future event.
  - b. Unfortunately, the group is aging out. Attempts to revitalize the program are unlikely to be successful.
- **Summer Outing Wrap-Up**
  - a. Not expected to be profitable, but nearly broke even.
- **September Fall Sectional**
  - a. September 8-10
  - b. Joyce and Ruth will chair the event
  - c. John working on getting the OK to set up the night before (Larry and Carol volunteered to help
  - d. Kathy will direct, the points will be 80% silver and 20% black
  - e. Gay will serve as partnership share and procure bagels
  - f. Larry agreed to manage the Firehouse sub purchases and insure that things are properly control
- **Annual Meeting**
  - a. Some discussion re reviewing the Unit bylaws with the thought that it might be beneficial to extend the terms of some of the members in an effort to provide the best leadership possible for the long term
  - b. Larry and John will cochair the meeting and work on the board term issues.
- **Membership**
  - a. Reviewed the Membership Report
  - b. 3 new members (Robert Hilburger, Patricia Sciandra, and Mary Jean Shields)
  - c. Range across the U.S. was between 42 – 95%. Our retention rate was 77%, so we are in the mid-range.

- d. Some discussion re efforts to attract new members from the Senior Centers, but no specific action is currently planned.
- **Next meeting date**
  - a. September 6, 2023 at 10AM at Joyce's house
- **Other items**
  - a. Discussion re Rajat's thought about decision to move the Winter (Jan) event to the summer to avoid the attendance issue of people being away for the Buffalo Winter and the impact of weather.

**Adjournment at 10:55 AM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Larry Abate, acting secretary for Ruth Wurster**