MINUTES OF UNIT 116 ACBL JUNE 20, 2023

President John Bava called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. at the home of Joyce Greenspan. The Board approved the appointment of Carol Licata as a new Board member and then welcomed both Carol and Rajat Basu to the Board to fill out the remaining terms of Barbara Libby and Sandi England who resigned. Other members in attendance were Kathy Pollock, Ruth Wurster and Larry Abate attending by phone.

Changes in the minutes from May 2 were: page 1 paragraph 9, add the word "rate" before 20%, second page, last paragraph, change the word "how" to "home", and eliminate the last sentence in paragraph 13 on page one. The minutes were then approved.

Treasurer Kathy reported a balance of \$13,633.16. The unit has not yet received the bill from ACBL for the spring sectional. Rajat asked how the unit receives income. Kathy responded that sectionals, directory sales and \$3 from each person who joins ACBL provide the income for the unit. The number of bridge players in Buffalo is dwindling, so the income is less. Treasurer's report approved.

The unit agreed to pay \$600 for Jim Gullo to take several youth to the National ACBL tournament in Chicago. The Bridge Center will also pay \$600.

Discussion followed about the date and place for the summer outing. Kathy will check with the Dale Center in Lockport about hosting.

The fall sectional at Knights of Columbus will probably have a local director. John will ask Art Morth and Brian Meyer if they are available to direct and then let ACBL know. John will chair and Larry co-chair the annual meeting December 2, 2023 at the Main-Transit fire hall.

ACBL has set the 2024 dates for regional and sectional games for District 5. Rajat suggested that our unit eliminate the January sectional, and, if possible, replace it with one in July. Shortly after the meeting, John asked ACBL if this could be a possibility, and ACBL granted permission for our unit to host a sectional July 13-15, 2024. Venues for games in 2024 that are economical and convenient to most members will be discussed later.

There is no mentoring program.

Bert Feasley is now keeping the directory up to date.

The next meeting TBA. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted Ruth Wurster, Secretary