

UNIT 116 of ACBL Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022, Joyce Greenspan's House
2:00PM to 3:05PM

Members present: John Bava, Joyce Greenspan, Barbara Landree, Barbara Libby and Kathy Pollock. Absent Sandra England.

1. Minutes from April 12, 2022, board meeting—Barb Landree proposed a minor change, after which the minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Treasurer's report—Kathy Pollock reported that our reconciled cash balance is \$15037.03. Kathy's report was unanimously approved.
3. Joyce Greenspan reported on the planning details of the summer outing. The event will be held on August 6, 2022, at the Dale Association Senior Center, 33 Ontario Street, Lockport, NY. Kathy Pollock and Joyce will provide the food. Pricing is currently being considered. Further details will be shared at our next meeting. Sandi needs to obtain a sanction for this game as part of the unit game sanctions discussed below.
4. NLM Tournament—Extensive discussion regarding MP limit, 499 versus 750. However, of more concern was whether there would be sufficient attendance to justify having the tournament. An alternative was proposed that the NLM tournament be conducted as part of the September sectional with a separate game. No decisions were reached, and the board directed John Bava to further consider this event and come back with a recommendation.
5. September Sectional—John reported that Sandi has agreed to chair this event with John acting as co-chair. Kathy has agreed to serve as partnership chair. Event will be held at the Main Transit Fire Hall. Kathy said that it was too early to determine whether a limited game was a viable option at the September sectional.
6. Youth Program—John reported that Jim Gullo had recruited 8 individuals to attend the National tournament in Providence, July 21-23. Kathy said that she was helping him and was concerned about the diversity of the group. She said that she and Jim would continue with the recruitment process. Jim plans on conducting 8 lessons with the group in advance of the tournament and is in the process of contacting Betty Metz to see if the Bridge Center could be used. In the past, the Unit has paid for Jim's plane flight and hotel for this purpose estimated at approximately \$1200. The board unanimously approved that we continue supporting Jim in this regard with Barb Libby abstaining.
7. Membership—Kathy reported that the Unit has 360 members representing a small increase.
8. Mentoring—Kathy said that it is still too early to consider restarting this program.
9. Directory—Sandi continues to make progress. The board affirmed that the directory should not be available in electronic form and that the version on the website should be eliminated. The directory will be in printed form and a PDF file will be available if requested.
10. UNIT games—Kathy said that our UNIT games have to be applied for at least 45 days in advance. We had previously agreed that the first Unit game week would be July 31st to August 6th. Based on F2F games currently going on, Kathy suggested that UNIT

games be applied for Wednesday morning, Friday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon. More can be added depending on what the clubs decide to do.

11. Location for future events—John reported that we do not have locations for any of our 2023 events. Barb Libby suggested that we consider the Southtowns for at least one of our 2023 events. The board had the following suggestions—
 - a. John should talk to Main Transit to see if the 2022 annual meeting can be moved to Sunday December 4th.
 - b. Based on attendance, the January sectional should be held at a club.
 - c. John should talk to the K of C in Hamburg to see if they could accommodate either the April or September sectional with Main Transit accommodating the other.
 - d. John should talk to Main Transit regarding the annual meeting to be held on December 3, 2023.
 - e. Location for summer outing can be discussed later.
12. Next meeting date—Wednesday, June 22nd, at Joyce's house.
13. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bava, acting secretary for Sandi England