

UNIT 116 OF ACBL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2023 10 A.M. Ruth Wurster's Home

President John Bava called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m. Present were Larry Abate, Joyce Greenspan, Kathy Pollock and Ruth Wurster.

After discussion about some of the phrasing in the minutes, the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Kathy presented the latest report with a cash balance of \$14,340.22.. Larry asked how the unit receives funds and Kathy replied that special events such as sectionals, directory sales, etc provide income. The unit also receives \$3 per member from ACBL dues. Treasurer's report was approved.

Kathy told about the spring sectional held April 21-23, 2023 at the Buffalo Bridge Center. There were 73.5 tables and the unit realized a profit of \$1479.24. The bill from ACBL has not yet been received. The Bridge Center is a convenient location, but it is not very convenient for food preparation. Kathy also said there is a need for more people to help cleanup.

Perimeters and area boundaries for Districts 5 and 4 were briefly mentioned.

The NLM game at the sectional was cancelled.

Jim Gullo is taking 8 junior players to the National tournament in Chicago and asked John if the unit would pay \$1300 for Jim's expenses. John referred Jim to Betty Metz.

John talked to the Pastor at Zion United Church of Christ in Tonawanda about having the August 12 picnic at that church. The fee would be \$100. The Pastor will let John know if that date is available.

The September sectional will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall at the corner of William and Union in Cheektowaga. The dates are September 8-10. Joyce is chair and Ruth is co-chair. John will speak with Gay Simpson regarding partnership chair. It is anticipated that the tournament will be a Local sectional, which awards master points at the rate of 80% silver and 20% black. Kathy said she wanted to do an analysis of the affordability of a Championship sectional which awards 100% silver points.

Kathy and Art Morth are planning to become ACBL certified to serve as Directors at Local Sectionals.

The annual meeting will be either December 2 or December 9, 2023, at the Main Transit fire hall in Amherst. John and Larry are chair and co-chair.

Rajat Basu has agreed to serve on the Board. Kathy made a motion and seconded by Joyce to invite Rajat to join the Board. Other names were suggested for Larry to call.

John suggested changing the bylaws of the unit to eliminate limits on the length of time that officers and directors can serve, subject to board approval. If approved at a future board meeting, this would need to be presented and approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

Kathy reported that out of 64 potential names for mentoring, 17 came and 6 took lessons. It was suggested that mentoring would be once a week, Kathy would be non paid director, each person would pay \$5 to the Buffalo Bridge Center. John will talk to Betty Metz.

Bill Rogers and Bob Sanborn are new members and 10 others are reinstated.

The next meeting will be June 20 at 10 a.m. at Joyce's house. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.
Ruth Wurster