

ACBL UNIT 116 BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2024
BUFFALO BRIDGE CENTER

President Larry Abate called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. Others present were John Bava, Sandi England, Joyce Greenspan and Ruth Wurster. Rajat Basu attended by phone.

John moved to accept the minutes from the December 12, 2023 meeting. Rajat seconded. Carried.

The treasurer's report showed a loss of \$319 from the annual meeting. Ruth moved to accept the treasurer's report. Sandi seconded. Carried.

Larry welcomed Sandi back to the Board.

Much discussion followed concerning the spring section April 26-28 at the Buffalo Bridge Center. Joyce and Ruth are co-chairs. Games begin at 10:30 A.M. and 2:45 P.M. BBC is a new venue for a sectional, so the committee will work out "kinks" along the way. John sent the flyer to ACBL. Friday and Saturday are \$12 per session and \$24 per person for Swiss teams on Sunday. Larry will sell tickets for subs on Sunday. The Board will be getting to the BBC by 9:00 A.M. to set up and make sure that all is well.

Each Unit gets 24 sanctions each year to sponsor games and give extra points. The Unit has a summer picnic and the annual meeting. BBC asked for 12 sanctioned games, 4 each in May, June, and November. John received approval on-line from ACBL for these games.

The Unit paid Jon Metz \$750 for his help in setting up a website at GODADDY.COM. Rajat and Ed Morgan will oversee this. John will send an email to all Unit members telling them how reach Unit 116.org. Announcements of Unit 116 would be included, but not education programs in other places. Schedules for on-line games of Lockport, Meridian and Airport games can be found at BBO and the Unit website won't include those schedules. Ruth moved to accept and Sandi seconded. Carried.

Ruth asked about Federal and State tax. John replied that this is to let those agencies know that we are still a viable organization.

ACBL has a new incentive program 5-5-5. 11% of each member's ACBL membership each year returns to the Unit. The more members the Unit has, the greater the return. Sandi and Larry will work on this and Sandi will keep track of membership. John, Larry, Sandi and Betty Metz will work with Ruth Nowotniak to recruit new members.

There was some discussion about how Bill Finkelstein was able to offer extra points at his bridge games at the Airport. Larry will ask Mike Silverman about this.

Larry will organize the storage room.

The last directory was printed in 2023. Bert Feasley is keeping the directory up to date.

Joyce moved to adjourn at 12:12 P.M. Sandi seconded.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Wurster
Recording Secretary

