

December 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

UNIT 103 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Attendees Warren Nelson, John Allen, Jane Trahms, Rajiv Kapadia, John Koch, Kathy Beckman, Sandy Casey, and Elaine Mulcahy
Absentees –Lance Chamberlain and Sue Greenberg

Meeting was called to order by Warren Nelson at 6.25 p.m.

Additions to Agenda

- 1) Mechanism for spending dollars – discuss and define parameters.
- 2) Discuss ways to support educational goals within the Clubs of Unit 103.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September Meeting, 9-5-2015, were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- 1) Comments from the Holiday Sectional Tournament held at the Bridge Center of St. Paul were discussed. Rajiv had concerns for the lack of proper space for so many tables in play. Options for changes were expressed but a solution was not reached.
- 2) Coffee pot has a leak and will be discarded and not replaced.

Annual Awards Banquet

- 1) This year's banquet is scheduled for April 23, 2016 at the Bridge Center of St. Paul. Plans are underway for this banquet and recognition of our ACBL members who have performed well in 2015. We say thank you to Kathy Beckman for her years of leadership and welcome Sandy Casey who accepted the responsibilities for year 2016. With cooperation from all, this event will continue it's legacy as a worthy and well attended event.
- 2) It was discussed and an agreement reached that all players attending will eat for free, however, everyone pays for bridge except the top 3 winners in each category of both Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney. It was motioned by John Koch and 2nd by Rajiv Kapadia that the budget cap for this important event be raised to \$2000. All voted yes.

Policies

- 1) Sections 1 thru 7 and 10 thru 11 were formally approved with a motion to accept by John Koch and seconded by Rajiv Kapadia. All approved. These sections will become effective January 1, 2016.
- 2) Discussions of Sections 8 and 9 were tabled to give each Board Member adequate time to review and respond.
- 3) Board Secretary will make corrections received from Kathy Beckman.

Grass Roots Fund Game – Rochester

This event is scheduled for April 3-4. Tournament Chairperson Kathy Beckman reported that their budget and schedule has been submitted and is complete.

New Business

Fall Tournament Report

Kathy Beckman led a discussion regarding the location of this tournament and the need to clarify sanction questions. Promoting IN's to participate in tournaments is a priority to continuing the growth of bridge in MN. It was discussed that each Unit be responsible to encourage IN's to play as well as all bridge players to play in the tournaments.

Elections of Officers

- 1) It was agreed to retain our Board Officers for another year. All were in agreement.
- 2) Both Kathy Beckman and John Allen have finished out their term and are up for re-election. A majority vote for both Kathy Beckman and John Allen was realized.
- 3) It was noted that our Board could have one more member on the roster. All present were in agreement to this idea. Sandy Casey volunteered to pursue this endeavor.
- 4) The question came up ... who can sign a check? Jane Trahms is our Treasurer and John Allen is a 2nd signer on the checks. It was agreed not to make any changes.

2016 Fall Tournament

Unit 178 sent a request for Unit 103 to change the venue from Maplewood Community Center to the Ramada, where the 2015 Fall Tournament was held. The decision was to keep the Tournament at the Community Center.

Education

- 1) After discussing ideas and ways to promote educational goals, it was agreed that we should support educational endeavors by directing money to that purpose. A number of ideas were shared.
- 2) A motion was made by Rajiv Kapadia and seconded by Sandy Casey to make a change in Policy 3.08 to raise the amount of money a club can apply for in a year's time for educational purposes. All approved the motion to change the current amount of \$200 to \$400.
- 3) Sandy Casey informed us of the ACBL appointed Education Position held by Roger Anderson. There will be a "Best Practices" workshop during the Gopher Regional on May 26, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. There was a motion by Sandy Casey and seconded by Kathy Beckman to promote teachers from Unit 103 to attend by offering one free session of the Tournament if you attend this workshop. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 12-13-2015
Elaine R Mulcahy
Unit 103 Board Secretary