

Mn Unit 103 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2015

Attendees: Warren Nelson, John Allen, Jane Trahms, Sandy Casey, Sue Greenberg, Rajiv Kapadia, John Koch and Kathy Beckman

Special Guest: Patti Stuhlman

Guest Report: Patti reported on Gopher Regional tournament. There was increased table count and revenue, possibly due to change in start times, and Gold Rush on schedule every day. She also thought that good publicity, free coffee, and free candy contributed to making it a very good tournament. The unit authorized \$750 advance for expenses prior to the 2016 Gopher.

New/old business:

The minutes for the June 27th meeting were approved. The financial report was approved.

John Allen distributed copies of Unit 103 board member job descriptions. (Several board members did not have copies previously – there were not changes.)

Sue Greenberg requested \$200 for Rochester Club, as allowed annually for educational expenses. Warren approved the request and Sue was requested to submit to Lance Chamberlain for payment.

Copies of the 2016 Winter Silver Point sectional flyer were distributed.

Sandy Casey suggested there be a way to disseminate information to the clubs in the unit regarding education and incentives. She presented information on the Minnesota Bridge Education Grant Application procedure and the ACBL's \$350 stipend for teachers teaching bridge in the schools. It was discussed to create a list of club managers that could be emailed with educational items.

Two Grass Roots Funds Charity games are requested per year per district and ACBL. Those games will collect \$1 extra per player for the Grass Roots funds. It was suggested that the Swiss game in Rochester tournament be the charity game for 2016. Sue Greenberg will talk to the tournament chairs about this request.

Other tournament discussion was that \$10 minimum be added back into the Policies for tournament entry fees. It was also consensus that tip jars for caddies are not to be used, since the caddies are paid for their duties.

In the future, expense reports should be provided for the awards banquet.

There was some final revisions on the policies that have been work in process. There will be another policies distributed with the revisions before final approval. It was requested that the revisions be dated to make it easier to follow the process.

Next meeting tentatively planned for the Holiday Tournament at St. Paul Bridge Center in December.

Submitted by Jane Trahms, Acting Secretary