

# Unit 178 Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:30. Present were board members Sue Jackson, Diane Henson, Steve Gaynor, Barb Zipoy, and Linda Brammer. Also present were Jean Boettcher, Jim Peterson, and Mike Cassel.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Nov.8, 2014 meeting; motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report previously sent by Vicky; motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to approve renewal of the 2 CDs maturing in February; motion carried.

## **Tournament Reports:**

**MN State Sectional:** Sue has signed the contract with the Ramada Plaza Minneapolis hotel for the Oct.30-Nov 1, 2015 sectional. Liz Hughes and Kerry Holloway have agreed to co-chair the tournament. We still need a partnership chair and are hoping to get involvement from unit 103.

South Dakota wants to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> District 14 tournament Nov 4-6, 2016. They have asked us to move the MN state date. Motion was made and seconded to move the fall sectional to another date in October and give up the Nov 4-6 dates; motion carried.

The events for the 2015 MN state sectional were determined. Sue & Diane will talk with the hotel about food. Linda will put together a flyer in a similar format to last year.

**GNT:** Mike discussed paying for lunch for unit 178 players on Sunday of the GNT tournament. After discussion of options, a discussion about paying entry fees at the national was held. Motion was made and seconded to approve paying entry fees for the first and second day of the GNT national finals for any unit 178 member playing; motion carried.

**Intermediate/Novice, Education and E-mail Messaging:** Nothing to report.

**Properties:** Thank you to all who contributed to the purchase of the new dealing machine. \$4400 was raised to cover most of the \$4750 cost. Linda reported that Tony has the old dealing machine at the Edina Community Center. We discussed that maintenance costs will be at least \$1000 per year for both machines. We discussed and tabled charging monthly fees to club directors. Sue is putting together a list of responsibilities for those using the dealer machines so we do not violate warranties on the machines. A question was raised about whether 178 properties are being used at a Unit103 game site. Sue will investigate.

## **New Business**

- A) Longest Day event: Teri has agreed to cooperate with a unit sponsored plan during the day. If we offer just a 1:30 game, the entry fee will be \$2 to cover actual costs and any size donation to Alzheimer's' Association. We will do more if volunteer organizers step forward.
- B) Player behavior: The unit is not responsible for player behavior at clubs. However, we are going to look for ways we can help clubs encourage a friendly atmosphere.
- C) March 11<sup>th</sup> is Dorothy Hardin's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Motion was made and seconded to approve the unit 178 providing cake and flowers for the March 11 game; motion carried.
- D) The awards banquet date was set for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Sue Jackson and Steve Gaynor will be the hosts. Diane Henson and Barb Zipoy will provide food and drink. Sue will handle invitations, publicity, and tableware.
- E) NAP: Sue will encourage Teri to offer several NAP games during the summer months, especially at the C level to encourage more players to qualify.

**Next meeting** will be 3/7/15 at 9:30.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by Diane Henson