

Members present: Diane Henson, Linda Brammer, Kerry Holloway, Cass Weil, Liz Hughes, Barb Zipoy

Also present: Mike Cassel, Patti Stuhlman

- 1) The minutes from the last meeting were approved
- 2) The Financial Report was approved.
- 3) Gopher Regional: Patti Stuhlman reported that despite a reduction in table count and increased venue expenses the regional brought in revenue over expenses. She reported that a committee will look at the Knock Out situation before next year to see if that can be improved. Some players expressed disappointment in the lack of brackets. She also reported that she has negotiated with Crowne Plaza for 2018 which was unanimously supported by the board.
- 4) GNT: Mike Cassel reported that the turnout for the GNT tournament in Mason City was disappointing. It will be held in the Twin Cities next year May 5/6. Mike would like to see a site with a concurrent sectional to boost the numbers attending. He is looking for a tournament co-chair. C teams particularly need to be encouraged whether through lessons, a coach or possibly a stipend. Other suggestions include more GNT qualifiers at the intermediate games.
- 5) Autumn Harvest: Kerry reported that it is set at The Hotel Metro in St Paul 11/2-11/4.
- 6) NAP: Diane reported that the district finals are on track. Flyers are out, posters are up. It will be in Edina 10/7-10/8.
- 7) I/N: no report
- 8) Properties: no report
- 9) Email messaging. Pianola is going well (Still looking for a hand-off.)
- 10) Old Business: Diane reported that although the unit took a small financial hit on the Mike Lawrence seminar all the feedback from participants was positive.
- 11) District 14: There will be a District Meeting on August 12 in Omaha. Steve Gaynor will be there representing our unit. Others are invited and encouraged to attend.
- 12) New Business: none to report
- 13) The next meeting will be August 26, 2017 at 9:30 at TCBC.