

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by President, Linda Brammer. Also present were Kerry Holloway, Steve Gaynor, Barb Zipoy, Cass Weil, Diane Hansen and Liz Hughes

- 1). The minutes from the November 11, 2017 meeting were approved
- 2). The Financial Report was approved. It was moved and seconded to renew the CD. Motion passed.
- 3). Tournament Reports

Gopher: Steve Gaynor reported on plans to change the Knock Out format to guarantee at least 2 brackets and a second playing day for all teams. The board voted to support the new format.

Autumn Harvest: Kerry has negotiated with Oak Marsh a somewhat higher rate than last year for the sectional which we will again do jointly with Unit 103. The board voted not to do a concurrent I/N tournament and voted to recommend a 4 day tournament.

GNT: Mike Cassell was not present but Steve reported on team games with a lesson at TCBC to promote I/N participation. They will be GNT qualifiers and Steve will direct. The board voted to buy pizzas. The dates are 2/18; 3/4; and 4/15. Barb offered to make a flyer.

- 4). NAP No report.
- 5). I/N No report.
- 6). Properties No report.
- 7). E messaging No report.
- 8). Nominations Committee

Linda will post a flyer in addition to the posting in email and the bridge blog. Liz will talk to candidates who have expressed some interest. The election for the new board will be held at the annual meeting (same time as the Awards Banquet 4/22).

- 9). New Business: The board passed a motion supporting a sanction for an IMP tournament in Edina.
- 10). The next meeting is March 17th.