

Minutes of Unit 178 Board Meeting, April 18, 2024

1. Meeting on Zoom was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Steve Gaynor

Attending:

(board members) Steve Gaynor (President), John Schlundt (VP), Sue Sanger, Teri Blu, Marc Aston, Jane Schmidt (secretary)

(others attending) Patti Stuhlman, Keith Thompson

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** were approved without comments

3. **Treasurer's Report** approved without comment

4. **Tournament Reports**

- a. **Gopher Regional** from Patti Stuhlman

Outreach went well. Currently 172 room-nights hotel reservations, 175 guaranteed. Matt Koltnow is head director.

Lounge area will hold 23-24 tables, for 90 total upstairs. No downstairs tables needed, but we will set up 15 tables in the Humphrey room just in case.

District director, Dennis Carmen, and his wife are coming. There will be a meet-and-greet Fri evening for unit boards, committee members, teachers, club directors, and unit presidents in District 14. Cindy, Balderson and Peg Waller are organizing this.

Cashless tournament. No covid check this year.

MGSC, Mike Cassel, will do 1st day bulletin, online only.

Past attendees will receive an email next week.

Steve submitted a sanction request for 2025.

We discussed whether or not to have the Gopher Regional in 2026, just 2 months before the Nationals in Minneapolis.

- b. **Aquatennial Sectional** from Marc Ashton

We need boards for 2nd Harvest donations.

Food trucks will be on-site W-F, will look for more for Saturday.

Discussed whether to have breakfast; decided no, treats only.

Fill-ins needed.

- c. **Fall Sectional**

Considered desirable, but need chair.

5. **2024 Board Elections**

Steve, John, Cass are done. Tom, Sue, Jane will run again. Teri and Marc are new.

6. **5-5-5 Strategy**

- a. **Return to the Fold**

Activity has not shown up on the main website yet.

b. New member strategies

- i. **Teaching:** Teri is planning intermediate lessons in June-July, flyer being prepared.
- ii. **Motion:** Unit 178 will pay 1st year dues for new members after they complete a 4-month guest membership. **Passed** without dissent.

7. Old Business

Merger of Units 103 and 178 was voted down by Unit 103 Board.

Action Items

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1	John, Teri, Tony	Investigate putting an ad in the Strib	Discontinued
2	Steve	Follow up with ACBL on charity reimbursement from 2023 Aquatennial Sectional	Steve contacted Crystal Mann, who is looking into it. Steve will follow up.
3	John	Details on what is needed for equipment and training to support substitute directors	Continue
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8. New Business: none

Board met in executive session to discuss other issues.

9. Adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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