

Minutes of Unit 178 Board Meeting. June 13, 2024

1. Meeting on Zoom was called to order by Steve Gaynor at 4:32 p.m.

Attending:

Board members: Steve Gaynor (President), Marylou Doerrie, Cass Weil, Sue Sanger, Marc Ashton, Jane Schmidt (Secretary)

(Others) Vicky Smith (Treasurer), Patti Stuhlman, Keith Thompson

2. **Minutes of last meeting** approved without comment

3. Election of Officers

Vicky will continue as Treasurer.

Jane will continue as Secretary.

Election of other officers was delayed since some of the new members were not present.

Jane will send board member contact information to other members.

4. **Treasurer's report** approved without dissent. Not much going on, expecting about \$6000 from Gopher Regional.

5. Tournament Reports

a. Aquatennial Sectional, July 10-13 (Marc)

Need caddies for team game on Friday and poster boards for Charity event; otherwise everything is ready. Food trucks for lunch, coffee etc are set. There will be bagels and cream cheese in the morning.

Jane will send out email to members.

b. Gopher Regional (Patti)

Report has been sent out. Checks will be sent out.

We had 9.4% increase in table count over last year. Increase was driven by Swiss Team games. Good attendance on Saturday with open pairs and gold rush games.

There were 67 free plays by players with fewer than 15 master points.

Noted that we need better lighting in playing areas.

Connie Nelson has retired as PR chair.

c. Fall Sectional, October 24-26

Sectional has been sanctioned. Kim and Larry will run it, but need a chairperson from Unit 178. Teri and/or Tom were nominated as they have experience (and were not present at the time!)

6. 5-5-5 progress

- a. **ACBL offer** of up to \$250 for a promotional event
Steve is working on a golf and bridge event

b. **Contacting** lapsed and at-risk members. Steve sent out a list.

Sue will call those she knows

Jane will contact NLM members

ALL contact others

Jane will forward link to database (Steve sent earlier)

7. Teaching

a. **Upcoming classes** (not discussed)

b. **Finalizing criteria for ACBL membership for new students**

Steve sent out proposed criteria for discussion. Jane questioned whether prior guest membership and/or lessons are needed, rather than just subsidize all new memberships. Consensus is that we can set our own criteria. Paying directly is simpler than reimbursing individuals. Barb Zipoy (Head of MN Ed Fund) has expressed concern about the cost; Unit 178 will pay.

MOTION: That Unit 178 pay the first year dues of all new members. Passed without opposition.

Jane will contact Unit 103 concerning their policy before publishing news in MN Bridge email.

8. Old Business

	Action	Responsible	Update
1	Steve	Follow up with ACBL on charity reimbursement from 2023 Aquatennial Sectional	ACBL has no such policy.
2	John	Details on what is needed for equipment and training to support substitute directors	Continue
3	All	Contact lapsed members, update online list	See 8.b.

Board met in executive session to discuss other issues.

10. Adjourn at 5:52

Next meeting will be **June 27 at 4:30** to elect officers.

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1	John	Details on what is needed for equipment and training to support substitute directors	Continue

2	All	Contact lapsed members, update online list	
3	Jane	Send Board contact information to members	
4	Jane	Email PR for Aquatennial Sectional	
5	Jane	Contact Unit 103 for policy on dues for new members	