

MINUTES CLEVELAND WHIST CLUB

Board Meeting, Unit 125, Wednesday, September 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 5:45PM by President Ginny Young at the home of board member Mary Lou Vermerris with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Ginny Young, Barbara Bacon, Barbara Greenspan, Fleur Howard, Rosemary Kleis, Ellen Miles, Sue Pisanelli, Frank Scali, Jim Stahl, Kathy Sulgrove, Kermit Wolford, Mary Lou Vermerris.

ABSENT: Geraldean Jones, Harriet Kitay, Ros Sukenik.

GUESTS: Sharon Fairchild.

Minutes of the August 18, 2010 meeting were approved following a motion by Barb Bacon, seconded by Sue Pisanelli. The motion carried.

Cathy Wolford, Treasurer, was unable to attend this meeting. No report was presented.

Ginny Young, president, welcomed Kathy Sulgrove to the board. Kathy replaces Frank Aquila. Ginny thanked Barb Bacon, vice president, for her work chairing the board during her summer absence. She then deferred the president's report to Barb Bacon.

Barb Bacon reported on her site search for locations for the Vichill League and upcoming tournaments. Barb handed out a table of Search Results for Vichill and Sectionals. The Vichill League games will be held at St. Michael's Woodside this year. Barb Bacon completed the arrangements with St. Michael's. The Master/NonLife Master Unit 125 Game, October 6, 2010 will also be held at St. Michael's.

For the Unit 125 Non Life Master/499er Sectional, Barb has a contract with the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garfield Heights off Transportation Boulevard. We can use the small hall which will hold 150 people. For our 499r tournament, we usually never have more than 20 tables. There is a full kitchen. The women's bathroom is ample with 6 stalls. If we need to cover any mirrors or other reflective areas, we must use masking or painter's tape. We can bring in our tables (we will rent from Solon K of C for \$5 per table, they will deliver and remove the tables for the tournament). We must make our own coffee. Sue Pisanelli made a motion, seconded by Barb Bacon, that we accept the contract to use the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garfield Heights for the Non Life Master Sectional. The motion carried. Barb Bacon will get the written contract. Mary Lou Vermerris moved, seconded by Rosemary Kleis, that we hold a Unit 125 side game at 1:30 PM (one session) and include them in the same budget. The motion carried. Frank Scali will coordinate and direct the side game. Ginny Young asked that Mary Lou Vermerris check with our treasurer Cathy Wolford about how the food is appropriated in the budget.

For the November Buckeye State Sectional, Barb Bacon discussed two possible sites. The Knights of Columbus Hall has a larger hall that can accommodate 500 people. There is a kitchen and ample rest rooms available. We would be responsible for the coffee and they do

not provide soft drinks. Thistledown Race Track has a room available for a 3 day sectional. We can bring in tables. A drawback is that any food must be purchased from the banquet facilities at Thistledown. Kathy Sulgrove made a motion, seconded by Rosemary Kleis, to hold the November Sectional at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garfield Heights and evaluate the hall for future sectionals. The motion carried.

The Unit 125 499er/Non Life Master Sectional, October 16 and 17, 2010, and the Buckeye State Sectional, November 5-7, 2010, will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Granger Road in Garfield Hts., Ohio. There are some facilities which Barb did not get an opportunity to see. She asks that the Search Committee involve her in future with any food purchase negotiations, especially any negotiations with hotel facilities. Fleur Howard and Sue Pisanelli are on the search committee.

There followed a discussion of the Tournaments for 2011. Volunteers for tournament chairs were as follows:

Ohio Masters Sectional April 1-3, 2011 - Barb Greenspan and Kathy Sulgrove

Silver Bowl Sectional August 5-7, 2011 - Rosemary Kleis and Frank Scali

Buckeye State Sectional November 4-6, 2011 - Ginny Young and Rosemary Kleis

Master/Nonlife Master Unit 125 Game in October 2011 - Ellen Miles

NonLifeMaster/499r Sectional October 15-16, 2011 - Sue Pisanelli.

All Sanctions for the Sectionals to the year 2015 are done. Barb Bacon our Tournament Coordinator has completed the sanctions to reserve our time spaces to 2015. Barb Bacon will send out information to all tournament chairs for the upcoming 2011 sectionals.

Ginny Young reported for the Vichill League Committee. There are 31 teams registered for the Vichill League. There are 9 teams in each of the first 3 brackets. There are only 4 teams in Bracket 4. Handicapping will be done in Bracket 1 for those teams with fewer than 5000 masterpoints when they play those with more than 5000 masterpoints. Brackets 2 and 3 will not be handicapped per the response of the Vichill Survey.

Cathy Wolford requests that those board members, who wish to make a donation to the Whist Club Scholarship Fund in Frank Aquila's memory, please give it to Kermit Wolford at the Board Meeting so that she can send the donations to Bev Carter, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, at the end of the month.

Kathy Sulgrove volunteers to chair a STAC Swiss Team (2 sessions) Game for the Unit. She requests that Steve Vrooman be asked to direct this event. Barb Greenspan made a motion that a 2 session STAC Unit 125 game be held Sunday December 12, 2010, assuming a site can be found. The motion was seconded by Barb Bacon. Jim Stahl will research sites for this game.

Frank Scali made a motion that we hold a Unit 125 STAC pairs game also, seconded by Fleur Howard. This motion was defeated.

Kathy Sulgrove made a motion, seconded by Ellen Miles, that the fees for Sectional Sessions be raised to \$10.00 per session in April 2011. The motion carried.

Frank Scali reports for the NAOP Committee that an email has been sent to Unit Club Directors and managers regarding the NAOP District 5 finals competition at the Buffalo Regional on October 30 and 31, 2010. Flyers are out. Unit Directors need to send their qualifiers to Barb Bacon. There was no further GNT report, per Barb Greenspan.

Jim Stahl reports that Whist Club Games continue to be held at the Solon Senior Center. Sue Pisanelli and Jim Stahl will work on the Cleveland Whist Club Sanction.

Jim Stahl discussed a method of using e-mail "reflectors" to enable the Unit members to communicate better. E-mail lists could be used for many helpful reasons within the Unit. The discussion was tabled for study and will be added to next month's agenda.

Ellen Miles discussed the upcoming Master/NonLife Master Event to be held on October 6, 2010 at St. Michael's Woodside.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

The next meeting will be held October 6, 2010 at 5:30 PM at St. Michael's Woodside prior to the Master/Nonlife Master Unit game.

Hospitality will be provided by Ginny Young.