

BOARD MINUTES
CLEVELAND WHIST CLUB; UNIT 125
St. Michael's Woodside Hall; Broadview Hts, Ohio
Wednesday November 16, 2011

Present: Peter Miller, Phil Becker, Barb Greenspan, Harriet Kitay, Fleur Howard, Rosemary Kleis, Chuck Ladiha, Frank Scali, Ros Sukenik, Kathy Sulgrove, Cathy Wolford.

Absent: Ellen Miles, Jim Stahl, Mary Lou Vermerris.

Guests Present: Sharon Fairchild, Sue Pisanelli.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on November 16, 2011 by President Peter Miller with a quorum present.

The minutes of the October 19, 2011 board meeting were approved as written.

Cathy Wolford gave the Treasurer's report. The report for the October 12, 2011 Master/Nonlife Master event is complete. There were 24 ½ tables. Pat Chisholm and Steve Vrooman duplicated the boards for the event. Pat Chisholm donated her time spent duplicating the boards. A thank you note will go out. There was a small profit of \$74.66. The Summer IMP League Report is complete and there was a profit of \$559.52. The preliminary report for the Buckeye State Sectional shows an estimated profit of \$1521.47. There were 216.5 tables filled for the Sectional event. The attendance was up from previous sectional tournaments.

Fleur Howard raised a question about an issue from the last board meeting. There were reports that one of the Unit's club directors was openly discouraging people from attending the Master/Nonlife Master Event. She inquired what action was taken by the board. No action was taken by the board as a whole. Harriet Kitay spoke privately with him. Peter Miller will talk privately with him also.

Peter Miller, president, reports that Mary Lou Vermerris has resigned from the board. Peter commended Frank Scali for contacting Sammy's regarding the KOC facility for the August 2012 Sectional. The August 2012 Sectional will be held at the Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Hall site.

Peter reports that Ginny Young has the Unit 125 File Cabinet stored at her house and requests that we move it. What should be done with the file cabinet? The consensus was that the file cabinet is no longer needed. We have no place to store it unless a storage unit is rented for the Unit's properties.

Barb Bacon is requesting that a decision be made about the 499er Tournament. The 499er in February 2008 was successful. The 2009 and 2010 499er tournaments were unsuccessful and unprofitable. There was board agreement that the October 2012 date be let go.

Fleur Howard made a motion that the board investigate the possibility of having a 499er Tournament in February 2012, seconded by Frank Scali. The motion passed.

Board discussion turned to a suitable date and site. February 18, 2012 is taken. February 11 or 25, 2012 may offer possibilities. The KOC Garfield Hts Hall (small room) or Solon Recreation Center (2/3 of the room) may work for the tournament. Harriet Kitay will inquire about the Solon Recreation Center for Saturday and Sunday (2 sessions). Frank Scali has volunteered to chair the tournament if it is held at the Garfield Heights KOC site. The possibility of a side game was questioned.

Committee Reports:

Vichill League: Fleur Howard and Phil Becker reported on the Vichill League. They both strongly endorse the idea that Plans for next year's Vichill begin now. It is a continual profitable successful League, whereas the other Unit Tournaments are sporadic. Last year (2010) there were 32 teams and a profit of \$1400. In 2009 the profit was about \$1000. This year (2011) there are 36 teams playing.

Vichill Location for next year was discussed. Maybe Garfield Heights KOC Hall could be used. The rent is 400-500\$/day at the KOC hall and \$500/day at St. Michael's Hall. It was suggested that a change in location may be a detriment to the event.

A team dropped out of the Vichill League this year. There was nothing in the Conditions of Contest to cover the situation. They report that the Bracket Coordinator did nothing about the situation. The issue could be sent to the Conduct and Ethics Committee.

Harriet Kitay suggests that Reports after any Tournament or Event be required. It should be the responsibility of the Tournament Coordinator to give the form for the reports to each chair.

Suggestions for both the Summer IMP League and Vichill were made. The time change seems accepted. Weekly prizes might give more fun especially for the Summer IMP League. Kathy Sulgrove suggests that the bracket coordinators be relied on more. Ros Sukenik inquired if we might pay a Vichill Coordinator. Other suggestions included a Pro Am on the 10th week of the Vichill League.

Questions were raised about the Summer IMP League; where, director, coordinator, special format, hospitality??

Kathy Sulgrove and Fleur Howard have volunteered to co chair the Summer IMP League. They urge full board participation with each board member getting a team together.

Barb Greenspan, Peter Miller and Phil Becker will co chair next year's Vichill League. Kathy Sulgrove and Fleur Howard have volunteered to help also.

STAC Swiss - December 11, 2011, Don Sulgrove met with the administrators of the Solon Recreation Center. They have waived the fee for the set up period. The Unit will pay for the 11-6:30Pm time only. Flyers are out. Kathy Sulgrove is planning on 30 tables. More tables can be set up in the lobby if needed.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Solon Recreation Center. Kathy Sulgrove is the chair for that event.

Further discussion about the Unit Game was tabled.

Old Business:

Tournament Assistant Directors – There continues to be some issues about the use of TA's. Steve Vrooman says that they do not need TA's. Jeff Alexander did not pay Chuck Ladiha but Cathy Wolford took care of the compensation due.

Bev Carter and Sharon Robertson were selected to replace Barb Bacon and Mary Lou Vermerris. The appointment of a Vice President can wait until the next board meeting. Peter Miller reports that he does not plan to be gone again until the summer.

Cathy Wolford is willing to become the Tournament Coordinator and Chuck Ladiha is willing to become the Unit Treasurer. A vote will be taken next meeting.

Fleur Howard reports that she located a prospective site for a Unit home. It is located in Broadview Heights and the total cost was reasonable. She reports that the Unit could find an affordable permanent Unit home with room for all of the special events. This might prove more economical in the long run than renting sites.

Kathy Sulgrove briefly discussed a proposal for table rental that she passed out.

Sue Pisanelli will look into the Sanction for the February 2012 499er tournament.

The next Board meeting will be held prior to the Vichill League Game on December 14, 2011 at 5:15PM. There will be no meeting In January.

Hospitality for the next board meeting will be handled by Fleur Howard.

Barb Greenspan made a motion to close the meeting at 7:10PM. The motion was seconded by Rosemary Kleis and approved by the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Pisanelli Secretary

Reports back to the board for the next meeting:

Sue Pisanelli – Sanction for 499er 2012

On going plans for Summer IMP League and next year's Vichill league

File cabinet at Ginny Young's