

**MINUTES
CLEVELAND WHIST CLUB
NORTHEAST OHIO UNIT 125
BOARD MEETING March 12, 2011**

PRESENT: Ginny Young, Barbara Bacon, Barbara Greenspan, Fleur Howard, Ellen Miles, Sue Pisanelli, Ros Sukenik, Jim Stahl, Mary Lou Vermerris, Kermit Wolford.

ABSENT: Geraldean Jones, Harriet Kitay, Rosemary Kleis, Frank Scali, Kathy Sulgrove.

GUESTS: Sharon Fairchild, Cathy Wolford.

The meeting was called to order at 5PM by the president, Ginny Young, at the home of Ros Sukenik in Cleveland, Ohio with a quorum present.

The minutes of the December 29, 2010 meeting were approved following a motion made by Ros Sukenik and seconded by Barbara Bacon. There was one correction to the January 12, 2011 meeting minutes. Barbara Bacon volunteered to assist with getting a site but not to chair the Summer IMP League with Jim Stahl. Barbara Bacon made a motion, seconded by Ellen Miles, to approve the January 12, 2011 minutes with the correction that the Summer IMP League will be chaired by Jim Stahl. Barbara Bacon will assist with acquiring a site for the Summer League. The motion passed.

The Candidates for 3 year terms for the 2011 Whist Club Board include Barbara Bacon, Phil Becker, Peter Miller, Cathy Wolford for sure and Chuck Ladiha tentatively.

The site for the August Sectional has been confirmed as the Thistledown Race Track. Barbara Bacon has confirmed the food and rental agreement with a contract.

The Westside has requested more flyers for the April Tournament.

Wayne Ward has agreed to take over the Hospitality Responsibilities for the April Tournament except for the Saturday games. He is unavailable on Saturday. Tentatively he may continue after April.

The May Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner will be held May 15, 2011 at St. Michaels Woodside Hall. Sue Pisanelli will chair the event.

The Vichill League Committee still needs a chairperson. Peter Miller will help but does not want to chair the committee this year. The Chairperson does not have to be a board member. Ginny Young will ask for a volunteer to chair the committee at the next Vichill League game. We need to have entry forms at the next Vichill League game. We need to reserve Dates for the Vichill League games for 2011-2012 (9(nine) games). Ginny Young will talk with Peter to set the dates for the games. Sue Pisanelli made a motion, seconded by Fleur Howard, that we hold the Vichill League Games at St Michaels Woodside Hall for 2011-2012. We should have a sign up at the April Tournament to sign up for the Summer IMP League. Jim Stahl, chair for the Summer IMP League, would like to have Clip Art suitable for Bridge to use in publizing the Summer IMP League.

There was no report from the scholarship committee. The budget for 2011-2012 was discussed at the last meeting.

The August Sectional will be held at Thistledown Race Track on the 6th floor. Two adjoining rooms will be utilized for the event. The Thistledown Race Track was bought by Harrods. Harrods will be building the Cleveland Casino. Barbara Bacon negotiated with their Sales Manager. The cost will be \$1800 for the weekend including food. Rosemary Kleis and Frank Scali are Chairpersons for the August Event. There will be a gratuity of 18% and taxes which will not be included in the cost. There will be lemonade, ice tea, coffee, chips and snacks. Soda pop will be on your own. No bar will be set up. No alcoholic beverages will be sold on the 6th floor. Friday Evening Snack will be pizza or nachos. For Saturday the facility suggests box lunches. They suggest that the box lunches be sold to the players with the sales going toward our \$1800. For Sunday Lunch there will be a deli trays provided. Sunday morning light breakfast provided. No food is to be brought in. The facility has scheduled August 4, 2011 for the delivery of the tables and August 8, 2011 for pick up of the tables. We get the tables delivered (Jim Stahl has a minivan that holds tables) and they will set up the tables. They are anxious to have us and talk of how later events might be handled.

The Non Life Master Tournament (499er event) scheduled for October 2011 was discussed. There is no location for this event yet. The attendance for last year was very small due to possible lack of interest or due to too many events in that time frame or other reasons. After discussion, Sue Pisanelli moved, Barbara Greenspan seconded, that the event be cancelled for October 2011 and rescheduled for a later date if there seems to be interest. The motion carried.

This year the District 5 North American Open Pairs Qualifier will be held in Meadville, Pa. on October 22 and 23, 2011. The Days Inn will be offering rooms at \$62 +tax/night. Should you win on the first day and wish to stay at the Days Inn that night, rooms will be available at the \$62+tax figure.

The Unit is still working on the TA issue. One person did take the TA test but is awaiting the outcome. Stephanie Alexander is not interested in negotiating a lower fee for future tournaments.

For Tournament chairs handling hospitality, Cathy Wolford has brought budget amounts for past events for their use as guidelines in planning future hospitality.

Cathy Wolford had old issues of Larry Rock Articles bound and passed them out to board members for possible use in future publications.

Sharon Fairchild, Barbara Greenspan and Kathy Sulgrove are considering nominations for the Member of the Year Award. This is the 3rd year of the award for Unit 125. Nominations are closed at this time. A report will be coming.

The Plain Dealer now has a Community Web Page. Members may post on it for events or clubs.

There is one box of 2008 directories left. It will be brought to the April Tournament. Kermit and Cathy Wolford are working on the next directory. The Warren/Youngstown Unit requests to be included in the next directory. The directory should be done by May. Updates will be requested on the Unit Website. Email addresses are requested also.

The next meeting will be the Annual Board Dinner for election of officers and installation of new officers. The dinner will be held at the Winking Lizard in Independence, Ohio on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 5:30 pm before the Vichill League Game. The Dinner will be \$10 per board member and drinks are at the individual's expense.

Jim Stahl reminded us that the Google Groups may be used to communicate.

Ellen Miles moved, seconded by Barbara Bacon, that the meeting be adjourned at 7 pm. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Pisanelli, secretary Unit 125