

MINUTES

CLEVELAND WHIST CLUB

Board Meeting, Unit 125, Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Present: Ginny Young, Harriet Kitay, Eva Lefton, Ellen Miles, Sue Pisanelli, Susan Stark, Cathy Wolford, Kermit Wolford, Wayne Ward, Mary Lou Vermerris.

Absent: Peter Miller, Bev Carter, Geraldene Jones, Frank Scali, and Ros Sukenik.

Guests: Sharon Fairchild

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ginny Young, at 5:30 PM with a quorum present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction.

The sentence, "Harriet Kitay suggests that with the budget problems with recent tournaments, that we mandate a report from the chairpersons at the end of each tournament." will be changed to read Harriet Kitay suggests that it would be a good idea for all chairpersons of tournaments write a report at the end of each tournament to help future chairpersons. It would include money spent, ideas to improve the event and problems that occurred. This would help the person who had not been involved in chairing this event before. It may also help with the tournament budgets.

A motion was made by Ellen Miles to accept the minutes with this correction and seconded by Harriet Kitay. The motion passed.

Cathy Wolford, Treasurer, gave a quarterly update of the 2009-2010 budget for Unit 125. The income for the sectional tournaments is down. The Unit income is down overall but not as far as it might be, due to the income from the Summer IMP League. Cost cutting measures have been somewhat successful; we are \$1200 short of the budget income for this year compared to \$1500 short at this time last year.

Also noted, there will be no income for the last few Vichill League Games. The Annual Unit Awards Dinner and Game is coming up and this event does not break even. We do have money in CD's at the bank that are coming due next week. The Unit may need to take out some of these monies for upcoming expenses.

The President, Ginny Young reports that she had an email from David Spurr, one of four step children of Bobb Hardies. He says that his stepfather would have been very happy to see how he is honored with the Bobb Hardies Trophy Award. He became aware of the Trophy via internet.

Jim Stahl will chair the Summer IMP League. He is working on dates at present. The dates must be cleared with the Solon Party Center to avoid conflicts. Peter Miller and Ginny Young sat down with the Knights of Columbus Hall director and discussed the changes for the Whist

Club Unit Game that was being held every Wednesday night. There will be 4 sessions for the Summer IMP League. The tentative dates are June 23, 2010, July 14, 2010, August 4, 2010 and August 18, 2010. The dates need to be cleared with the Hall management.

Peter Miller was not present to give the Vichill League Committee Reports. Ginny reported for him that a preliminary review of the questionnaires reveals that there is not a lot of impetus to change the structure of the Vichill League next year. Peter Miller will be at the next Unit Board Meeting to discuss the questionnaire and the handicapping system.

Sharon Fairchild, chair of The Member of the Year Committee, reports that there were several fine nominations for the Member of the Year. She reports confidentially, that Patrick Spooner has been chosen post-humously as the Member of the Year. She also reports that other nominations will be held on file for next year. The Board would like to arrange to have Judy and John Spooner attend the Annual Awards Dinner Meeting. The information regarding the selection of the Member of the Year should be kept confidential.

Five Unit 125 members have agreed to run for the Board of Unit 125. They are Frank Aquila, Barbara Greenspan, Fleur Howard, Rosemary Kleis, and Jim Stahl. The Slate of Board Member Candidates has been circulated to the Unit 125 Board via email with their profile information. The ballots have been prepared by Ginny Young and will be ready for the April 9th Ohio Master's Sectional at Solon. The ballots will have spaces for write in candidates. Ballots will be available throughout the Ohio Master's Sectional Tournament.

The annual Unit 125 Board Members Meeting and dinner for off going board members and newly elected board members will be held on April 21, 2010 prior to the last Vichill League Game. Susan Stark moved that we hold the meeting at the Rusty Bucket. Mary Lou Vermerris seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Meeting will be held at the Rusty Bucket, 6025 Kruse Drive, Solon, OH 440-248-2300. Board members contribute \$10.00 towards their dinners and are responsible for alcoholic beverages. The unit picks up the remainder. The Club director, Vichill Chairs, and Sharon Fairchild will be invited to attend.

The agenda for the meeting includes Election of Officers, Vichill report, and the board position roster for ACBL. Our last Vichill Matches are that evening at the Solon Party Center.

The Annual Unit 125 Awards dinner and Meeting will be held on May 16, 2010 at St Michael's Woodside in Broadview Hts, Ohio. The Scholarship winners will be invited. Complimentary dinners will be given to Scholarship recipients. The parents or others that accompany the scholarship recipients will pay for their dinners.

Other items discussed included another possible Master/Life Master Event. It was concluded that there is not enough time in the calendar to allow for adequate planning for another successful event. It was suggested that we get a list of member emails if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM following a motion by Harriet Kitay and seconded by Susan Stark.

The next Board Meeting will be the Annual Board Dinner meeting on April 21, 2010. No hospitality volunteer will be needed.

The May Board Meeting will be held at 11 AM, prior to the Annual Unit 125 Awards Dinner and Meeting on May 16, 2010. No hospitality volunteer will be needed for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Pisanelli, Secretary