

MINUTES
CLEVELAND WHIST CLUB; UNIT 125
BOARD MEETING; TUESDAY; MAY 24, 2011
HOLIDAY INN RESTAURANT

PRESENT: Peter Miller, Barb Bacon, Phil Becker, Harriet Kitay, Rosemary Kleis, Chuck Ladiha, Ellen Miles, Frank Scali, Jim Stahl, Kathy Sulgrove, Mary Lou Vermerris, Cathy Wolford.

ABSENT: Barb Greenspan, Fleur Howard, Ros Sukenik.

Guests: Sue Pisanelli.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Peter Miller, President, with a quorum present.

The minutes of the April 20, 2011 Board Meeting and the May 15, 2011 Annual Banquet and Board Meeting were approved following a motion by Harriet Kitay and second by Ellen Miles.

Cathy Wolford gave the Treasurer's report.

Peter Miller discussed the vacant Unit chairperson positions for 2011-2012. There is a need for a Hospitality Chairperson. Kathy Sulgrove has volunteered to fill the Publicity Chairperson position. Harriet Kitay will fill the Intermediate/Newcomer Chairperson position. As part of this role, she will send out the New Member packets. Peter Miller will ask Doug Henderson to fill the Unit Education Liaison Position. Peter will also approach Fleur Howard and Wayne Ward about the Hospitality Chairperson position.

The site for the November Sectional Tournament was discussed. Per Barbara Bacon, there is a verbal commitment in place for the Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Hall but a written contract has not been signed yet. After discussion, Ellen Miles moved that we use the Garfield Heights site for the November Tournament. Jim Stahl seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the board members present.

The Awards Banquet site for 2012 was discussed. The attendance for 2011 was consistent with past years. However the cost of \$25 per person has been questioned by Unit members. St. Michael's price to the Unit is \$25 per person. This cost has been passed along to the members attending with no extra fees for the game that follows the dinner. The meals for the new life masters are covered by the Unit. There are also other costs for pins, medallions, and directors for the game. This results in a monetary loss to the Unit for the event. It has never been a money raiser for the Unit. Other ways to approach the Awards Banquet and other sites were discussed. Rosemary Kleis volunteers to chair the event if a pot luck dinner approach is used. Kathy Sulgrove made a motion that we not plan yet for the St. Michael's site for 2012, that Rosemary Kleis be in charge, and allow the board to further discuss and plan for the Awards Banquet in later meetings during the year. Mary Lou Vermerris seconded the motion and the board approved the motion.

With a view to continue to try to contain costs, the issue of directors for tournaments was again discussed. In some past tournaments, 3 Tournament Directors have been assigned for our sectional tournaments. The cost for Tournament Directors depends on their certifications and usually includes a per diem fee and/or housing. The question is raised, would 2 Tournament Directors, or one tournament Director and one Tournament Assistant Director, be sufficient for upcoming sectional tournaments. It was announced that we now have a certified Tournament

Assistant Director in our Unit (Chuck Ladiha). A motion was made by Jim Stahl that we authorize one Tournament Director and one Tournament Assistant for the November Sectional.

It was suggested that we also look beyond cost cutting measures and look for ways to increase attendance at our events. Barb Bacon states that we do have our Director for November already. Jim Stahl with drew his motion. A suggestion was made to put the arrangements into Barb Bacon's (Unit Tournament Coordinator) hands. Barb Bacon will check about the tournament directors and get back to the board via email.

Peter Miller asked for volunteers to represent Unit 125 at the District 5 dinner meeting at the Regional Tournament. Frank Scali, Barb Bacon, Peter Miller, Jim Stahl and Sue Pisanelli will attend. This meeting will be important as there is a move to raise the regional fees on the agenda.

Jim Stahl will chair the Summer IMP League. Susan Stark may be interested in helping.

Rosemary Kleis and Mary Lou Vermerris will assist with the fall Vichill League.

Barbara Bacon passed along to Peter Miller, Unit President, a letter sent to the ACBL Bridge Bulletin by Fran Mulkins (Unit 125 member). Peter passed out copies of the letter to the board for discussion. A consensus of the board was for Peter to draft a response and send via email to the board members for approval.

Harriet Kitay reported on the last sectional tournament (April) at Garfield Heights. She said that Kathy Sulgrove did a great job with the organization and hospitality of the last tournament . The site bathroom still presents some problems (no paper towels for one issue).

Kathy Sulgrove still has paper products and other hospitality items in her garage. Jim Stahl has volunteered to store them for now.

It was suggested that we ask Unit club directors to ask for Unit Hospitality Chairperson volunteers. The hospitality for the November Sectional will be handled by Fleur Howard and Kathy Sulgrove.

Flyers for the Olympiad are available per Peter Miller.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at the home of Rosemary Kleis (bring a swimsuit) at 6 PM.

Hospitality will be provided by Kathy Sulgrove.

A motion by Rosemary Kleis, seconded by Chuck Ladiha, to adjourn made at 6:45PM was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Pisanelli, Unit 125 Secretary

