

Unit 125 Board Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2017
Embassy Suites, Independence, OH

Present: Harvey Bernstein, Bev Carter, Peggy Gallagher, Steve Garfunkel, Bill Hogsett, Rhona Jacobson, Maureen Merker, Fran Mulkins, Cathy Wolford.

Absent: Barb Greenspan, Sharon Robertson, Tommy Ruehr

Motion by Fran Mulkins second by Steve Gallagher to Approve November 2016 minutes as written.
Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

Harvey stated the 3CD's from December were earning 1.1% interest and that 1 \$5000 CD had been renewed in the amount of \$10,000. There is currently \$12,000 in checking and a total of \$42,000 in total assets. The final financial report for the November Sectional is up to date except for recent expenses.

President's Report:

- Attendance was down to 21 teams at the Sunday STaC Swiss held at the Solon Senior Center. He said Steve Vrooman had said that it is a bad location with restricted access and that tables have to be brought in, set up, taken down and returned to storage and that there are time constraints doing this. Bill stated the cost to use the Parma location was too high and that the Rocky River location was about \$400.
- Our tables were rented to the Regional at the Embassy Suites at a cost or appx. \$720 (120 tables X \$6.00 each). *We offered* Mike at St. John's \$100 to bring and remove them instead of volunteers.
- Bill listed our upcoming events:
 1. Ohio Masters – April 7-9th – Cathy Wolford, Chair
 2. Non-LM Sectional – Rocky River - date TBD – *Tommie Ruehr, Chair*
 3. Annual Meeting – Sunday, June 17th – Rocky River, Barb Bacon to chair. It was mentioned this is Fathers Day.
 4. Silver Bowl Sectional – August 4-6, Steve Garfunkel Chairing
 5. Buckeye State Sectional – Nov. 3-5th, Barb Greenspan *Tentative Chair*
- LBIAD followup- Edie DusGarden said 2 tables had attended the Tuesday Rocky River game. More action needs to be taken to bring these players in to play bridge. Peggy is to check into commonly located possible bridge centers. Harvey to check into hosting an event at a National.
- Possible board candidates: Joan Barzoli, Chuck Ladiha, Barb Bacon, Wayne Heritage. Bev had approached Dave Hobe and said he is willing to serve. Bill to talk with him regarding this.
- *Bill talked with* Mike Lawrence to do a 2 day seminar in Cleveland. Bill talked with him. Would be a morning/afternoon event with lunch in between. Income would be split 60/40. We would pay airfare, hotel and food. Cost estimated at \$150 per person. Topics would be: doubles, responses to weak 2 bids and how to bid over them when opponents open a weak 2.

- Cards need to be replaced. Many bad decks. Bill to announce at Vichill to turn in board number to director if needs replacing.

Old Business:

- Publicity Person – an ad will be placed in current Bulletins regarding this position. Should also be put in Whistfully Yours.
- **License for LBIAD** - Our 12 month trial period has been completed. Cost is \$250 for a year if we wish to continue the program. Bev suggested Wayne Heritage might be interested. No Discussion.

Tabled till next meeting

Committee Reports:

None

New Business:

- Bill mentioned that the District was holding STaC specials to benefit Gatlinburg due to storm damage. Interest in participating was not brought up by the Board.
- Bev brought up the fact that she and others had been receiving numerous complaints about the structure of the Vichill League. At least 2 teams did not participate due to the setup. She stated it has been suggested to hold the event as 7 team brackets during the fall months of September, October and early November and then hold a separate spring team event during the end of March, April an early May every other Wednesday (or day to be determined) at St. John's. ACBL does not increase overall awards after the 6th match so there is no practical reason to have one longer event as we do now. Bill will poll the Captains to ask their opinion of doing two 6 and 6 events instead of the split sessions currently offered. Bill said teams complain about handicaps and this might solve the problem as there would be less teams in each bracket.
- Bev stated that Barb Greenspan is now writing Whistfully Yours and asked that any news items be directed to her.
- Cathy Wolford needs the names of deceased Unit members that need to be added to the Memorial Placque. Bev said the Scholarship/Charity Committee provides them. Cathy to check with Trustees for updates.

Motion to adjourn made by Rhona, second by Maureen. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 22nd, 4:45pm prior to Vichill at St. John's.
Hospitality by Rhona Jacobson

Followed by the combined board meeting Thursday, April 27th 6:00pm at Creekside.
A choice of 3 entrees will be sent out 3 weeks prior to the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Carter
Secretary