

# Unit 125 Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
St. Johns Church, Parma OH

Present: Harvey Bernstein, Bev Carter, Peggy Gallagher, Steve Garfunkel, Barb Greenspan, Bill Hogsett, Rhona Jacobson, Maureen Merker, Fran Mulkins, Sharon Robertson Tommy Ruehr, Cathy Wolford.  
Guest: Sharon Fairchild

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm.

Motion by Fran Mulkins second by Tommie Ruehr to Approve January 2017 minutes as corrected.  
*Motion passed unanimously*

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Harvey stated a deposit needs to be made for the Rocky River Membership game. There is currently \$13,600 in checking and a \$30,000 CD along with a \$10,125 CD coming due. He said that the Solon team game had 21 tables and that we paid Mike \$100 to transport the tables. There are 4 months left on the storage unit and questioned whether we should consider keeping it. No consensus was reached.

He asked the board about hosting a National event in the fall. Sharon Fairchild said that she has been bugging ACBL for our Unit to host one, which requires a lot of volunteers and that Pittsburgh had done a lot of fund raising for it. She mentioned that it is no longer necessary to have a large amount of dollars in our treasury beforehand.

## **President's Report:**

- Candidates for the Board are: Chuck Ladiha, Dave Hobe, Janet Auwerter. One more is needed. Bev said that Wayne Heritage was willing to run. Bill to contact him. Bill also asked the board members to consider who should be elected president before the combined board meeting.
- Phil Becker has suggested that a historian for our Unit be appointed
- Bill questioned how do we attract newer players to our events. There are currently 280 members with less than 50 MP to be contacted and that the people who attended the LBIAD are being lost due to lack of follow-up. There were 2 tables had attended the Rocky River game. Fran said she hosts a non-sanctioned game and suggested they attend. Bill said we need to schedule a Master/Future Master game in the fall or in February of 2018 which was directed by Andy Halpern. Harvey suggested we hire Andy to direct and that we need volunteers to contact the masters and future masters to get them to attend.
- Vichill – Bill suggested the Board look into restructuring with possibly 6 or 7 session fall and 4 or 6 session summer instead of the current schedule.

***Tabled till next meeting***

## **Old Business:**

- Cathy W. said that flyers have been sent out and that she is checking with Mike about menu choices. She asked if she could purchase the soda instead of the hall providing it. It was agreed she could. Sharon R and Barb G. said that salad dressings had been left out over 4 hours and were reused which is not safe. Also that the bathrooms are not clean and well supplied. Bill said we need a liason to coordinate with the hall and our chairperson. He will talk with Barb G. about doing this.
- **License for LBIAD** - Our 12 month trial period has been completed. Cost is \$250 for a year if we wish to continue the program. Consensus of the board is to leave it until an event is scheduled. We need a facility, an instructor, a date and cost in order to take action.
- Cathy W. announced she has received a list of 23 names not on the memorial plaque and that 4 names had received donations in their memory. She asked if the board would donate \$25 apiece to add the rest of the names. **No action.**

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Membership Committee – Maureen said that she sends out welcome letters to all new players in our Unit which includes the fact that our clubs are listed in the Membership Directory which is enclosed. Bev said that we need to advise them about the club list on our website which is more up to date since the directory is from 2015.
- Charity Committee – Barb G. announced that anyone bringing 4 cans of food could get a \$1 off coupon and requested a motion to do so. Motion by Sharon R., second by Barb that anyone bringing 4 unexpired cans of food would receive a \$1 off ticket.  
*Motion passed Unanimously*

#### **New Business:**

- Sharon Fairchild had exciting news that a new CEO for ACBL would be on board by summer. Our present CEO has resigned to run the family business.
- She also mentioned that at the last ACBL board meeting there was a discussion about the use of stop cards and asked if we felt they were good or bad. Tommie said she felt they were being abused. Bill said that at the lower levels players don't understand how to use them. Bev said we need to educate our players on their proper use.
- Tommie stated that Peggie has been looking into sites for a Unit Bridge Center. She is meeting with a realtor and would like a club manager to help in the search.
- Sharon F. questioned what day and time the tables would be picked up and delivered to the May Regional. It was agreed that they would both be delivered and picked up on the Tuesday before and after the Regional. Mike from our Parma location is to help with this.

Motion to adjourn made by Rhona, second by Fran. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

**Next Meeting:** Combined board meeting **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at Creekside Restaurant located at 8803 Brecksville Rd. (Rte 21) just north of Rte 82.**

A choice of 3 entrees will be sent out 3 weeks prior to the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

**Bev Carter**  
Secretary