



DISTRICT 13 AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

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Minutes of October 29, 2016

ROLL CALL

Tom Dressing, Stan Subeck, Loring Knoblauch, Daryl Novick, Adrienne Cohen, Steve Brown, Les Kent, Paul Morgan (For Mike Selchert), Dennis Ryan, Mollie Freier, Mary Ann Romberg, Marge Morgan, Yvette Neary, Dianne Kiehl, Ron Gould (For Jan Litscher) and John Pereles

Absent: John Goldstein and Nancy Frank

Others present: Suzi Subeck, Peter Wilke, Stan Fuhrmann, Sandy O'Brien, Jim O'Brien and Lynette Koski

ROLL TO ORDER – TOM DRESSING

Meeting called to order at 11:02 AM

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2016 MEETING – JOHN PERELES

Suzi Subeck's name was misspelled in the tournament update portion. Stan Subeck moved and Marge Morgan seconded to approve the minutes with the correction to Suzi's spelling. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – STAN SUBECK

Balance sheets and income statements had been emailed. They are attached. Mary Ann Romberg moved and Mollie Freier seconded to approve the treasurers report. Motion approved.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REPORT – PETER WILKE

Peter reported the 2016 Regional table count was down about 8%, knock-outs had no more than 1 bracket, pair games were up slightly and Gold Rush pairs had a huge increase, adding these trends are also being seen nationally. For the 2017 Regional Peter will staff the tournament with one less director; from 5 down to 4. Choice pairs were discussed and Peter said choice pairs is very common at Mid-West Regionals compared to the rest of the country, which seem to focus on afternoon and evening events. He completed his report stating side games are also down.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING – PETER WILKE

The current District schedule had been emailed. It is attached. Peter mentioned The District 2018 Regional is scheduled opposite the Gatlinburg Regional and said this needs to be addressed.

TOURNAMENT UPDATE – SUZI SUBECK

Suzi said the hotel requirement of 325 room nights has been very tough to fill and is having discussions with The Grand Geneva regarding the number.

GNT's – STAN SUBECK

Stan reported the GNT finals will be the weekend of Saturday 2/25 and Sunday 2/26, 2017. He added teams are happy with the format so the schedule for the 2017 event will follow the format used previously.

NAOP'S – SANDY O'BRIEN

Sandy said the finals held October 1 and the attendance was about the same as last year. Sandy said the tournament was her last as chair. Tom Dressing thanked Sandy for her years as tournament chair. John Pereles will be the new tournament chair starting in 2017. John reported the 2017 tournament date is being worked on.

DISTRICT STAC's – ADRIENNE COHEN

Adrienne said they are good to go starting Monday October 31st. Suzi said The ACBL is changing how STAC's will be charged. Currently, clubs pay the STAC sponsor \$2/person and the sponsor pays The ACBL \$3/table. It is planning on being changed in 2017 that while clubs will continue to pay the sponsor of STAC's \$2/person they will pay the ACBL \$1/table directly.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT – SUZI SUBECK

Suzi's report had been emailed. It is attached.

WEBMASTER REPORT – STAN FUHRMANN

Stan had emailed his report. It is attached. He said the April 2016 District Regional took a dramatic website hit loss due to Fast Results. Tom Dressing will work with Stan on transferring the website to a new ISP. If this effort is unsuccessful, then Stan will renew with HostCentric for 3 more years at a cost of \$250 Tom stressed the importance of keeping clicks and actions on The District website, and to not simply provide content to the other provider. He added we want our membership to visit our site first, and then continue onto other information.

I/N NEWSLETTER – SUZI SUBECK

Suzi passed out the newsletter. See attached. She reported people really like it being on the website adding it is distributed 4 times/year.

UNIT PRESIDENT REPORTS

GMBA – John Pereles said the Unit will be trying something different at their December Sectional; all games will be pair/team games, no Swiss team event. He also said the 2017 Annual meeting will try something different; people will be able to attend one or both morning and afternoon session. Also due to a State law change; The Unit will stop paying sales tax effective January 1, 2017.

WUMBA – Marge Morgan reported the unit decided to step back from having directors matching up A's with C's at their tournaments to leaving up to the tournament chairs. She said they had a good Regional. The table numbers were down a little bit but the revenue over expenses was up a little bit. She added that a lot of 299'ers came to the Milwaukee Regional because of the location.

CCBA – Les Kent mentioned the Unit will try something different in 2017; publishing the Unit calendar with local clubs putting in ads and then mailing it out to their patrons. Les added they did not hold a summer Regional and will go back to holding a February Regional instead. He completed his report saying tournaments and finances are holding steady.

OLD BUSINESS

The meeting time was briefly discussed and it was a consensus that the breakfast will be held at 10AM with a 11AM meeting to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

John Pereles asked Unit President's to send the District Secretary new District board member information when Unit representation changes occur. An agenda item that will be added to the Spring 2017 meeting will be Regional participation on line at tournament games.

ADJOURNED

Steve Brown moved and Adrienne Cohen seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Pereles
Secretary