

Unit 125 Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

St. John's Church, Parma, OH

Present: Harvey Bernstein, Bev Carter, Peggy Gallagher, Bill Hogsett, Rhona Jacobson, Maureen Merker Sharon Robertson, Cathy Wolford.

Absent: Steve Garfunkel, Barb Greenspan, Fran Mulkins, Tommy Ruehr

Motion by Peggy Gallagher second by Rhona Jacobson to Approve Sept. 2016 minutes as corrected.

Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

Harvey stated that there was appx. \$16K in the checking account and \$25K in CD's. The Buckeye Sectional netted appx. \$1719. 169 tables attended. He said we can now use ACBL Live instead of Fast Results to post results, saving us the user fees.

President's Report:

- Bill asked about the New Member packets that are sent to newcomers to our Unit. Discussion of this under New Business.
- Our storage locker fees are coming up in February. We do store various supplies, etc. in it and asked if we should continue the rental. Board consensus was to pay for another 6 months to a year or until other storage arrangements could be made.
- The Non Life Master Sectional will be held April 22nd and 23rd at the Rocky River Memorial Hall. Barb Bacon has made the deposit on the room.
- The LBIAD was a good success. 10 tables attended the last session. Two more are scheduled on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays. Bev Carter will be the instructor.
- Bill asked that the outgoing Board members make recommendations for new board members. He will send out a letter asking those who are interested to let them know.
- Jim Breckel has been asked to do an audit of our books during the 1st quarter of 2017.
- There is a problem with the STaC Swiss setup and take-down. We can set up starting at 8:30am which is a time crunch. Volunteers are needed with vans to bring tables and to clean the room at the end of the event. Also needed is a hospitality chair to order and set up food and snacks.
- The New Player Game was held at the last Vichell. Two tables attended. We need to do it on an ongoing basis at St. John's. A suggestion was made to have it at the January Regional. Bill will check on this.

Committee Reports:

- **Charity Committee Report** –Bernie Greenspan submitted a very detailed report on income and expenditures for 2016. A total of \$645 was donated to the Cleveland Food Bank as well as a \$6000 donation from ACBL to it. \$1846 was given out to 5 students in scholarship awards. The Trustees are considering purchasing \$5000 in Giant Eagle Gift Cards for sale to our members. Giant Eagle will donate 6% of the total sold to the fund. Current fund raising activities will continue. The Trustees are also working on ways to improve publicity for donations to the fund. Copy of report is attached to these minutes. Bev said the information on the website is difficult to find and suggested a tab be added for the Charity news and information as to how to apply for scholarships.

Old Business:

- **Directories** – Cathy said she has 169 directories and Maureen has 90. There is also a box at St. Johns but she did not know how many were in it.
- **Sectional Directors** – Discussion about having 2 ACBL directors and the increase in fees to \$12. Bev said that we need one ACBL director and 1 T/A not 2 ACBL directors. Attendance was down and 2 ACBL directors should not be necessary. Discussion about availability of T/A's. Barb Greenspan may not be available nor might Harvey Bernstein. Cathy Wolford said Chuck Ladiha is not available. It was suggested that other directors might wish to become a T/A. Pat Chisholm has someone who is interested. Bill to contact her. Wayne Heritage may also be interested. Bev to check with him. It is agreed that 2 directors are necessary for our Sectionals. Motion by Peggy Gallagher second by Rhona Jacobson to have at least 1 ACBL Director and 1 T/A. Motion withdrawn pending further discussion.
- **Sectional Fees** – Bill presented a list of fees charged by other Units in our area. The average fee was \$10 per person. A discussion of why we are charging \$12 when we have a profit of appx. \$1700 at both the last sectionals. Reason stated was the need for 2 ACBL Directors which increased our costs. Cathy Wolford stated that in the past we had hospitality after the Friday sessions, which we no longer do, and provided food between sessions on Sundays at the team games. We now provide food between the sessions on Saturday at no additional cost but charge extra for the food on Sundays. Cathy and Bev suggested that the additional cost for Sunday be eliminated based on the fact that we no longer provide Friday hospitality. Motion by Peggy Gallagher second by Rhona Jacobson to charge \$12 per session for all events including Sunday for a 4 person team.
Motion passed unanimously

New Business:

- **New Member Letters:** Maureen presented two different letters to be sent to new members to ACBL and transfers into our Unit. Bev to send her copies of those previously used.
- **Publicity Person** – Bill asked that a Human Resources position be created; hopefully a volunteer but if necessary, that it be someone compensated to do the outreach to senior centers, rec centers, Office for Older Adults, Welcome Wagon, etc. as flyers and letters would need to be sent as well as personal contact. He will put an article on the website and on email to ask for someone to take responsibility for 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. Bev suggested Wayne Heritage might be interested. *Tabled till January*

Motion by Rhona second by Maureen to adjourn at 6:50pm. *Unanimously Approved.*

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 12 at 4:45pm between sessions at the Regional at Embassy Suites.

Hospitality by Steve Garfunkel

Following Meeting: Wednesday, March 22nd, 4:45pm prior to Vichill at St. John's.
Hospitality by Sharon Robertson

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