

Niagara Area Unit 255

Management Meeting via Zoom June 13, 2022



Present:

Muriel Tremblay, Claude Tremblay, Kathy Morrison, Steve Williams, Wiebe Hooglan and Heather Beckman.

Due to the resignation of Dena Jones, it was decided that the role of Secretary will rotate amongst our members.

Minutes of the Meeting of April 20, 2022: Moved by Kathy Morrison and Seconded by Wiebe Hoogland. All approved.

Minutes of the Annual AGM Meeting: Moved by Kathy Morrison and Seconded by Wiebe Hoogland. All approved.

Actions arising:

Steve Williams will be following up with Chandi Jayawardena and Ellen Deane to develop an education and mentoring program resulting in new ACBL membership.

Wiebe was called upon for an update on ACBL membership. His opinion was that it is too early to more aggressively encourage players to join. It would be better to wait until there is more success with face-to-face players playing and at a time when ACBL does more to attract members. He has tried in the past to reach out to encourage players to re-new, with no success.

Later in our meeting, Wiebe commented that membership in clubs is down everywhere. For example Unit 255 membership has dropped to 307 with no new members to date. Wiebe said that he would re-initiate his role to contact members who have lapsed when the clubs establish renewed strength in their club games.

ACBL Annual Meeting, Game and Dinner:

Muriel, in her review thought the whole event was very good, despite the table turn-out was lower than hoped for. Everyone seemed happy to re-connect. It was suggested that next year the meeting be held at the end of March or early April to line up with our fiscal year end.

Financial Report: NOTL Sectional held June 3-5, 2022.

Despite the table count lower than planned, the tournament achieved a profit of \$1552.18. Claude in his report, outlined ways the committee was able to save expenses to offset the lower table count:

- The sponsorship of Jaclyn Morison of IA Wealth Management went a long way
- Two directors were not needed for all of the games
- Since 3 sections of the auditorium were not required, Claude negotiated with the Community Center to reduce the rental costs.
- Hospitality was provided based on the existing table count, not the planned
- Prizes from previous year's inventory were used, so new prizes were purchased.

Moving forward to the tournament in August, Claude will reserve just the 2 sections of the auditorium as that space is deemed to be suitable.

Financial Report for June, 2022:

As the month is not over and given the discussion of how the financials of the recent tournament should be handled in this report, it was decided that the final report will produced later in the month.

Moved to approve the June Financial Report with modifications: Moved by Heather Beckman and Seconded by Kathy Morrison. All approved.

New Business:

It was agreed by all that the deficit for the Royal STAC be paid pro-rated to the number of tables from Unit 255 in the amount of \$47.48 to Unit 166 to reduce the loss to District 2. Muriel to write a letter to Andy Risman indicating one Board member's belief that the District should charge sufficient fees to cover the cost for ACBL. The other members stated that it was a good thing for the Unit to support the clubs and keep the prices reasonable for our member to return to playing at the club games.

Next Meeting - again via Zoom- to be held In September.