

Unit 441 Board Meeting Sunday, September 12, 2021

Meeting called to order at 11:32 by President, Vicki Hamende

Present: Alex Rajala, Bill Julius, Demeter Manning, Gary Greismeyer, Henrietta Moore, Kathi McKay, Lynne Dearing, Steve Brown, Vicki Hamende

I. Minutes of June 14, 2021 board meeting reviewed by Kathi

Motion to approve: Lynne

Seconded: Gary

Passed: unanimously

II. Treasurer's Report – Bill

- "More money than we had before." The virtual game funds February-June brought in a total of \$691. (Funds were initially calculated by EBC as \$121 but we sent the EBC Director a correction.)
- Ron Brady contributed \$2,000 to the Unit from his Stimulus payment. Bill will announce at today's Unit Game and Vicki will send a thank you note.
- Balances: \$8975 in bank plus \$90 cash (used to make change at Unit games).

III. Old Business

- A. Standby player for November 7th Unit Game is Gary or his appointee
- B. 2021 calendar and update on possible Alderbrook game: Vicki reported that nothing is yet on the calendar. Dave Hopkins has not received permission from Alderbrook. We will wait for Dave to tell us when he has a date secured
- C. Reviewed the July and August Unit Games for what worked, what did not work, and any suggestions.
 - We had a larger turnout in July (13 tables) than August turnout which was only 6.5 tables. Not sure the reason for the large decline. The July number might have been driven because it was our first in-person Unit game since the pandemic began.
 - Demeter requests players write their ACBL numbers; it helps the director.
 - Proof of Vaccination – was a problem with one player in July; Demeter checked the list and that player is now checked off. Players who have not yet been checked off need to provide proof of being fully vaccinated. The list is in the desk drawer.
 - Should we phone players to come to the Unit Games? No one volunteered.
- D. Clean-up after unit games; we would like others to volunteer to help
 1. Emptying the garbage and recycling – Kathi volunteered
 2. Setting up the coffee for the next day – Kathi volunteered
 3. Cleaning the bathrooms and making sure they're set up for the next day – Alex
 4. Cleaning the food/coffee table to discard items and decide what can be refrigerated – Gary
 5. Dishwasher – Vicki
 6. Begin the robo vacuum – KathiKathi will announce to request players to help at end by taking cups & glasses to dishwasher; moving chairs, etc.

E. Lessons and Mentoring

Lessons:

- Helen does some lessons Monday & Wednesday evenings at 5:45 PM and Saturdays.
- Maureen Greeley has instructed but is not available now.
- Demeter will teach again in the future. She needs time to prepare materials. Will develop programs for intermediate or advancing players; not for beginners.
- Lynne suggested that Kim be encouraged to teach.
- Lynne would like to encourage a mentoring program to build more effective partnerships. Lynne suggests that the mentee (aka: protégé) pays the game (\$8-9) fee. Kathi commented that mentors are currently mentoring without mentees paying.

Reviewed the levels allowed to play at the more novice sessions:

- Monday evening: <1500 MP welcome; if over 1500 points, need to partner with a player <300
- Wednesday evening: <1000 MP welcome; if over 1000 points, need to partner with a player <200
- Discussed wifi and a mifi ideas to relieve directors from using their personal phones for hot spots.. More info re mifi to be collected. Steve is going to follow-up with more info re cost to purchase and monthly/annual fee and whether we can partner with Helen and the OlyDBC.

F. Bridgmates: Helen is purchasing a new set. The plan is to try them out at the Friday afternoon game. Vicki will talk to Helen about them.

G. 8 is Enough (December 14th) on target. Henrietta will organize

H. District 19 Disciplinary Committee – Vicki will follow up with Alice to confirm.

IV. New Business

A. Election for new board members

1. Board positions up for election in December are: Gary, Steve, and Alex. Steve wants to retire; Gary to think about it – plans to retire from job June 30 and might be traveling too much. Alex plans to run. Lynne suggests outgoing board members encourage others to run. As well, each of the board members can encourage players to run again.
2. Electronic voting like we did last December. Demeter will organize. She says the price went up to \$35 instead of \$29.

B. Upcoming Unit Events

1. ProAm – October 12 (Tuesday)

- Alex is director and Vicki is the standby player.
- Henrietta & Lynne will set this up, organize food. Henrietta will not be at the game.
- Partnerships will be made by filling out small paper with name and approximate MPs and put in a bowl—“Amateur” “Pro”. The mid-range will be split by higher/lower MPs and put into the two bowls.
- Vicki will make email announcements.

2. Holiday Party 8 is Enough – Tuesday, December 14, 2021

C. Next board meeting – 11:30 a.m. Sunday, December 5, 2021, prior to the unit game

Need to establish the 2022 calendar.

Steve said early January was the time for the new Board meeting.

D. Lynne suggested that we add a new annual tournament as a Brad Kalweit Memorial. Demeter suggested the Labor Day Sectional. Alternatively, we could offer it as the January Unit Game (Brad’s birthday was January 12.) Lynne suggested prizes and recognize players for activities other than MP. Demeter suggested ordering Bridge-themed prizes. To be discussed in more depth at December meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 PM