

WUMBA Board meeting

12 April 2014

Appleton, WI

Present: Mollie Freier, Bill Murphy, Jim Mulbrandon, Chelley Andress, Sharon Basal, Curt, Mary Ann Romberg, Judy Terrault, Carol Konrad, Don Schuette (for Mike Selchert), Joan Schuette (for the rest of Nancy Grimes' term), Maria Roswall, Jim Nikstad, Brian Carlson, Terry McCloskey, Flo Erickson, George Belskachek

Bill Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:15.

Dispense with the reading of the minutes. Terry McCloskey moved, Judy Terrault seconded, motion carried.

Joan Schuette reported on Nancy Grimes's health and explained that she would be replacing her on the WUMBA board.

Jim Nikstad gave the Treasurer's report. He pointed out an error on the income statement: currently it reads "sectional tournament expenses" \$52831 less free plays \$3,231; it should say \$49,631. That will be corrected.

Mollie Freier moved, and Terry McCloskey seconded that we accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Brian Carlson reported from Budget and Finance. Several years ago, the board agreed that no regional tournament should be approved without a budget approved by the WUMBA board. Dennis Ryan provided a budget for the June USBF Regional in Eau Claire, and Brian distributed this budget. Brian Carlson moved, Mary Ann Romberg seconded that we approve this budget. Motion to approve budget carried.

Brian suggested that we talk about the future as well as the past. He's received negative comments about the 299er half-price discount. He also wants to know about the second-year membership fees. Second-year dues went up in 2013. Jim Nikstad said that he paid them a bit more irregularly than in the past. We've lost .62% in membership.

If this tournament in Eau Claire makes at least \$5000, one-tenth would go to USBF and another one-tenth would go to the District to support the NABC in Chicago. District surcharge is already \$2 per table for all tournaments.

Joan Schuette moved and Maria Roswall seconded that a committee be established to investigate incentives for new players, and that it would include the Membership Chair, I/N Chair, Mentorship Chair, and a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, as well as other members as the President deems fit. Motion carried.

George Bleskachek made his report. Tournament schedules must be sent to George first, who applies to ACBL for the sanction. Once the sanction has been approved, then the tournament chair sends them to ACBL. George asked board members to let tournament chairs know this. Bill Murphy will send this e-mail. George would like the tournament schedules (including both date and venue) for 2016 within the next six months.

Don Schuette moved and Terry McCloskey seconded that the 299er discount be reduced to 25%. Brian Carlson moved and Mollie Freier seconded that this motion be tabled for further study by the Budget & Finance Committee. The latter motion carried. Bill Murphy declared that this topic will be looked at by the incentives committee (which will have a representative from Budget & Finance). Terry McCloskey pointed out that we have a goodly sum in the bank, and we don't need to rush into changes in the budget. Brian Carlson moved and Jim Mulbrandon seconded that we raise tournament entries to \$10 for sectionals and \$12 for regionals. Brian Carlson moved and Jim Mulbrandon seconded that we table that motion. Motion carried.

Carol Konrad asked about a budget for the I/N programs. She would like \$350 for trophies for every 299er game at the regional (USBF). Motion carried.

Lunch & Learn: Mollie Freier moved and Joan Schuette seconded to continue this program for the next year. Motion carried.

Flo Erickson (Mentoring) asked for Mentoring Committee expansion, including having meetings and working with particular clubs for mentoring purposes. She requested \$400. Joan Schuette moved and Jim Mulbrandon seconded that we fund this program. Motion carried.

Terry McCloskey moved we adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.