

**WUMBA Board Meeting**  
**Appleton, WI**  
**Date: April 9, 2024**

I. Call to order: (Marge Morgan) 4:54

II. Roll call & Introduction of Members for 2024: Mary Schommer, Mary Glasson, Jim Bloedorn, Errol Hartman, Bill Murphy, Bill Higbee, David Raitt, George Bleskachek, Marge Morgan, Mollie Freier, Cerona Stevens, Wayne Peters

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: September 2023 Wayne moved, Bill M. seconded. Motion carried to approve.

IV. Treasurer's Report: (Bill H.)

We lost only around \$600 on tournaments, so we had a good year. Bill broke out a line in the tournament spreadsheets called "Tournament Profit," which can tell the tournament chairs how much they made or lost on their tournament. ACBL fees are going up, according to George; three separate fees are increasing \$500 each. We are also continuing to pay second-year dues, and with the increase in ACBL dues, that amount will increase.

V. Election

Presentation of slate of officers (Mollie F.)

President: David Raitt

President-Elect: Wayne Peters

Treasurer: Bill Higbee

Secretary: Mollie Freier

Jim moved nominations be closed; Cerona seconded. Motion carried. The slate was elected unanimously.

VI. Membership Report: (Emalyn N.)

Mollie presented Emalyn's report. Marge and Emalyn met with ACBL membership people about membership initiatives. They were interested in our second-year dues and the local tournaments, but they were particularly interested in safe spaces for people to just play bridge and have fun. There are games based on this model in Madison and La Crosse now, as well as in Wausau.

VII. Education Report: (Greg U.)

La Crosse and Madison had Lunch & Learn sessions, and these are good for all players, but especially 499ers. It was suggested that such sessions might be offered at the Regional.

VIII. Unit Tournament Coordinator: (George B.)

Upcoming Sectionals: Woodruff, Madison, Wausau, Marquette. George is waiting on flyers and other paperwork for La Crosse and Madison in November and December.

IX. Lake Hailey Regional, now Eau Claire: (George B) This tournament has been moved to the Lismore Hotel and Convention Center. The Convention Center is giving us a large room for \$200 per day, an excellent rate. Monday-Thursday August 19-22, with the same schedule as last year. We are still a split regional with Milwaukee. There is another hotel two blocks away and George is working with this hotel on a room rate. Downtown Eau Claire has nice restaurants within walking distance. Hospitality will include coffee and mini-muffins as well as homemade treats. Naming events at the Regionals: Most tournaments require a donation for naming events.

X. New business

*Promotion of Sectionals* (David R.)

We have seven sectionals now, but we could have more.

It takes time for tournaments to get posted on ACBL, and it would help to have the locations clarified (for example, Wausau for Weston).

It would also be nice to have a Green Bay tournament again.

*Development of Tournament Chair Reference Guide* (Wayne P.). Bill Murphy said that there might be an old draft of such a thing; he'll check with Denise Hoffman.

*WUMBA Website* (Bill H.). Stan has decided to continue with the web site.

However, we do need to think about creating a new web site. Mollie suggested that we need to hire a web developer to create a new web site, one that would allow people to upload materials and would also make materials easily accessible. Currently, we pay only for hosting the web site. David moved that we create an ad hoc committee to develop a new web site; Mollie seconded. Motion carried. Stan can now update stuff, and we should all check and see that our club information

and game schedules are correct. Copy Marge when you send updates to Stan for the web site. The President will choose committee members.

*Club Coordinator position.* This position would help clubs grow and maintain their membership and report to the board. There might be shared resources when possible. Club managers, owners, and directors should be recognized. Mollie moved that a Club Coordinator position description be developed and presented at our next meeting. Cerona seconded. Motion carried.

XI. Announcements: District 13 Regional, Madison, April 14-19, 2024. If you book a room, let District 13 reps know.

XII. Adjournment. Jim Bloedorn moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

XIII. Proposed Next Meeting: Weston, September 2024