

WUMBA Board Meeting Minutes

Appleton Friday March 28th, 2025

I. Call to order: David Raitt 4:49

II. Roll call & Introductions (Mollie Freier)

Karen Reese, Cerona Stevens, Bill Murphy, George Bleskachek, Wayne Peters, David Raitt, Gregg Underheim, Judy Niesing, Bill Higbee, Adam Gewiss, Bill Christensen, Mary Paul Seiser, Marge Morgan, Paul Morgan

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: September 13, 2024 Wayne moved approval, Judy seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Bill Higbee

We lost about \$2000. Most of the problem was that our tournament income was down. Sectionals lost about \$4900. Tables were down significantly.

Wayne moved that we discuss raising entry fees. Mary seconded. Free plays are given to people doing tournament work, like partnership chair and tournament chair and kitchen help. Apparently, the distribution of free plays is different for different tournaments, depending on the decision of the tournament chair. Everyone agreed that free plays are essential for the people serving as standbys. Bill Higbee said that in future he can break out the different kinds of free plays. While it is true that we need to increase membership, that is not germane to the motion.

Cerona pointed out that we do have a policy that any tournament that loses \$1000 for two consecutive years should be suspended. That policy was most recently enforced on Green Bay.

Bill Christensen suggested that we amend the motion so that we raise the entry fee to \$12, starting in 2026. Wayne and Mary agreed to the amendment. Motion carried.

V. Unit Tournament Coordinator: George Bleskachek

George reported that all the tournaments have been approved and are in the schedule (although someone pointed out that the December Madison tournament isn't online yet).

The tournaments in the 2025: Appleton, District 13 Madison Regional, Green Bay, Door county, Minocqua, Madison, Unit 149 Eau Claire Regional, Wausau, Marquette, La Crosse, Madison

George said that Door County is also considering a sectional in September. This would be a local WUMBA sectional. Concerns were expressed about how close in date this would be to Wausau. Door County would need the WUMBA board's approval. Bill C. moved that all local sectionals that are under the WUMBA umbrella be charged \$1 per table. Mollie seconded. Questions were raised about any liability we might have for expenses for their tournament. Bill withdrew the motion.

Mollie moved that we not approve the September 2025 local sectional in Door County. Bill C. seconded. Motion carried with 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

Bill C., Mollie, and Gregg volunteered to look into the whole thing about the local sectional in Door County. We will revisit at our meeting in Wausau.

Concerns were expressed about the scheduling of tournaments. In May, we will have the Madison Regional quite close to Green Bay, for example. We have had a policy of keeping our tournaments at least two weeks apart.

VI. Membership Report: Paul Seiser for Emalyn Nikstad

Paul passed out the membership report.

ACBL's 5/5/5 program will give us three ways to earn money for the unit for signing up new members and contacting lapsed members.

VII. Intermediate/Novice Education Report: Gregg Underheim

Lunch and learn!

Gregg needs other instructors—several people volunteered.

We have also had guest speakers.

Gregg also discussed people teaching more and would like some kind of tournament for his new students.

Trying to get bridge taught at colleges and universities. Mollie sent Gregg the info about ACBL's Collegiate Initiative.

VIII. Mentorship Chair: Vacant

Do we want a mentorship chair. This discussion was tabled.

IX. Old Business: David Raitt

Club Support Liaison Chair – David distributed a draft of the position description.

X. Announcements:

* Beware of spoofed emails and texts from WUMBA board chair seeking money; per ACBL all multi-recipient emails will be bcc. TO reply to all, reply to sender and they will forward bcc to all.

XII. Adjournment Mollie moved. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:31

XIII. Next Meeting: Wausau (Schofield) Friday 9/12/25 15 minutes after 2nd session