

CALL TO ORDER

In attendance:

- Board members: Amy Casanova, George Crawford, Peter Hepokoski, Nancy Jonske, Ginny Kopacz, Katherine Morris, and Chuck Swart.
- Alan Johnson (Tournament Manager).
- Judy Kay (Treasurer).
- Guests for part or all of the meeting: Bill Moore, Jake Olsen, Merlin Vilhauer, and Chris Gibson

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

The minutes of the July 10 meeting were approved as distributed. The treasurer's report for July was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Catlin Gabel: Nancy circulated a list of dates for Catlin Gabel bridge classes from September to December. On some of the dates neither she nor Ginny can lead the class, and on all dates assistance from other Unit members will be helpful. Ginny will prepare a schedule of our classroom coverage and solicit volunteers to help out.

Learn Bridge in a Day: An LBIAD seminar is scheduled for Town Club on Sept 29th. Katherine, Ginny, and Nancy will help facilitate. Nancy commented would like to see the clubs offer this refresher/intro program.

Youth National funding: We reviewed the Unit's policy regarding expense subsidies for our youth who attend out-of-town tournaments. (The policy is posted on the Unit website.) It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that we provide the maximum \$300 subsidy to Jake Olsen for his expenses for the Las Vegas event.

Unit directory: Amy reported that plans for updating the Unit directory are still in the early stages.

Sectionals:

- We discussed hiring someone to coordinate kitchen activity at our Sectionals, much like the Vancouver Unit does for a reported \$35 per event. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously that we seek to hire such help beginning with our September 2014 Sectional.
- Alan clarified that our contract with the Armory holds us responsible at the end of each tournament for returning the facility to the same condition as when the tournament began.

September 2014 Sectional: Several coordination issues were discussed, e.g., food sign-up, supplies and caddies.

Tournament locations: We have received no responses to the OBTY article soliciting volunteers to explore alternative sites to the Armory for our Sectionals.

OBTY editor: Judy reported that Martha Maroney has volunteered to take over as editor of *Our Bridge to You*. Judy will work with her through a transition period.

Treasurer audit:

- Peter reported that he reviewed the treasury records from 1/1/2013 to 6/30/2014 and that the finances are in good shape. He recommends, however, that we seek to make the monthly treasurer's report to the board more meaningful, such as by providing a functional breakdown of income and expenses.

- Judy would like us to find someone to succeed her treasurer. Peter suggested we seek to have that someone in place by the end of the year to help us build a more informative report format starting in January 2015.
- Peter and Judy believe that we would benefit by consolidating our banks accounts so that we deal with just one bank. To start, Peter will contact Chase Bank to get our account authorization updated.

Claim mediation: Alan reported that the mediation between the State of Oregon and the player injured in a parking lot fall at one of our tournaments did not lead to a resolution. Next step is a hearing at Multnomah County Courthouse on Monday September 29. We have been added as a defendant, and Travelers Insurance will represent us at the hearing. Alan and Peter plan to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Sunset High School: Jake Olsen told us of his plans to an after-school bridge club at Sunset, where he is a junior. He would like our support with materials and teachers. We assured him of our interest in helping out and asked him to let us know when he is ready to proceed.

14th Trick: Nancy reported that we have a new club in the Unit. It is The 14th Trick, located at 1847 East Burnside and managed by Jonathan Bean. The club will hold an invitational game with a 2000 mp limit on Tuesdays at 1:30.

Future Board members: Nancy reminded us we will need candidates to run in the next Unit election. Two of our members' terms expire in early 2015. Katherine volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Stratifications: The published stratifications for our pairs games have typically not been consistent from one Sectional to the next. Following discussion of various stratification approaches, it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that, beginning with our January 2015 sectional, we not publish stratifications in advance for our open pairs games, but instead allow them to be set by the director.

January 2015 Sectional: Alan presented a draft flyer for the January Sectional. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the times for the Friday sessions be 10:30 AM and 3:30 PM instead of our traditional 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Alan will also change the flyer to reflect our decision regarding stratifications (see preceding item).

Club Director tests: Nancy and Peter reported that the ACBL sought our authorization for Paul O'Brien to monitor Club Director tests for two members of our Unit. It was agreed that our standard procedure should be to approve such requests.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Next meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the Ace of Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter

Peter Hepokoski, Secretary