

SBU Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: 3/5/2018

Attendees: Ray, Ann, John, Larry, Monty, Bill, Tracey, Mike, JC

1 SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

| Ref | Motion | Moved By | Seconded By | Vote Result |
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| 20180305-1 | Approval of the February meeting minutes | Ray | Mike | Approved 9-0 |
| 20180305-2 | Authorize David Taylor to purchase 32 inserts for bidding boxes to be swapped in as needed as replacements during the KO sectional (expected cost is approximately \$176). | Ann | Larry | Approved 9-0 |

2 SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

| Action | Owner |
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| Draft Sweetheart survey, update website to add award winners | JC |
| KO Chairs need to remember to check for bidding cards to swap out | Tim, Mike |
| Recalculate budget with an anticipated 5% decrease in attendance | John |
| Think of ideas for next meeting for how to increase interest from 0-750 in tournaments | Entire board |
| Mail the tournament checklist for the KO sectional to Mike & Tim | Larry |

3 SUMMARY OF AGENDA AND DISCUSSION

3.1 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Motion 20180305-1 for approval of meeting minutes – approved.

3.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reviewed financial report. Vasa Park sectional lost \$830. We are down \$458 for the year to date.

3.3 PUBLICITY REPORT

Discussed and agreed to post award winners and other recognition on the website, location and design TBD by JC. We will review the Suntan sectional flyer at the next meeting.

3.4 SWEETHEART SECTIONAL POSTMORTEM

What went right:

- Setup/teardown went smoothly
- Friday/Saturday were mostly even in attendance vs. last year
- Daylight hours seem to be working, probably at the right balance of daylight vs. aft/eve hours. (feelings are strong on both sides).

What could improve:

- We heard complaints about fast pairs not being actually timed fast.
- Lunch break between sessions was too short.
- We need to consider and allow time for awards when planning session start times. We can also capture awards timing on the flyer.
- Sunday attendance was down. Possible causes are snow, bridge closure. The biggest losses were in the 0-2500 point range. But tournaments all over our area are down, so it could also be normal trend.

Other notes:

- Mixed comments on the 3rd Friday session. Some working players frustrated that no standard pairs game was available. Running a 9 table game in the evening isn't worthwhile. Lost money on Friday's third session. Chairs noted that a third session isn't worthwhile for future.
- Could the longer Swiss be a factor reducing attendance? Some players prefer shorter Swiss but mostly the high level open players strongly prefer max boards per session.
- Should we send a survey to attendees? Agreed, if JC is willing and has time to organize.
- Discussed providing lunch to allow for a shorter break and if that would improve Swiss attendance. Noted that past events have always lost money when serving lunch.
- Discussed Vasa Park location. Most expensive location with negative feedback. Location could be depressing attendance.
- Hospitality was higher than normal but wanted to provide continental breakfast given the daylight schedule. Agreed generally in room that hospitality is a good expenditure and worth investing in.
- Reviewed feedback received from players via email.

3.5 UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Reviewed checklists for NLM and KO tournament. Larry noticed the NLM flyer posted on the ACBL site is an older version (entry fee notes are incorrect). JC will contact the ACBL to correct.

3.6 BUDGET REVIEW

John prepared a budget for board review. Discussed how much effort to put into modification and maintenance of the budget. Discussed article for membership/SUN. Discussed necessary equipment replacements. Approved motion 20180305-2 to purchase replacement bidding inserts.