

SBU Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: 4/9/2018

Board members in attendance: Ann, Ray, Patti, JC, Tim, Larry, Mike, Monty, Eric*, Tracey*

Others attending: Steve Kasner

1 SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Ref	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote Result
20180409-1	Approval of the March meeting minutes	Ray	Mike	Approved 8-0 (asterisked members weren't yet present)
20180409-2	Moved that the starting times for the fall/autumn open sectional be set to Saturday 1pm & 6pm, Friday 1:30 & 7, and Sunday 10:30am.	Ann	Larry	Approved 10-0
20180409-3	Pursuant to the SNGB funding request, the board will fund a grant of \$500 designated for the SNGB game/party for t-shirts, hospitality, site insurance, or prizes (cash or trophies) at the SNGB board discretion.	Tim	Ray	Approved 10-0
20180409-4	Pursuant to the SNGB funding request, the board will fund a stipend of up to \$750 for kids in need for travel to the 2018 summer youth NABC in Atlanta, to be vetted by Patti and/or Ann's approval as representatives of the unit board before distribution.	Tim	Ann	Approved 10-0

2 SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Action	Assigned To
Revisit the budget with a 5% decline in attendance (carried over)	John
Reach out to Bill about NLM partnerships	Ann, Patti
Check in with Jenni and/or Arlene about NLM directing staff plans	Patti
Locate a parking assistant volunteer. (possibly Tracey)	Ann
Remind Bill about pulling out and setting up the "no parking" signs, also confirm that the partnership box is with him (vs. in trailer)	Tim
Include staffing call for setup/teardown on the May agenda	Ann

Create a laminate tournament reference page with everyone's cellphone number, instructions, references, etc. to be used by tournament chairs.	Ann
Look into NLM regional and/or regional at clubs	Patti
Check with DIC on Autumn open sectional start times to confirm the motion for Saturday's times is reasonable.	Ann, Monty
Autumn open sectional – check with directors on thoughts for 56 boards vs. 48-49 boards, and best arrangement of Swiss for Sunday given anticipated low attendance and report back in May	Ann, Monty
Send Arlene's email to the board so chairs can contact regarding DIC	Tim
Find a volunteer to put a D19 elections blurb into the SUN and manage election cycle for unit meetings.	Ann
Include agenda item for email blast handling at D19	Ann
Work with Steve on requirements for mail blast, discuss with other districts.	JC, Eric
Send JC text for a camp email blast to be sent via Pianola before it goes away (include text, you can include links, let me know how widely you want it sent)	Ann
Think of ideas for next meeting for how to increase interest from 0-750 in tournaments (held over)	Entire board
Create a free play proposal for new members into unit for review at the May unit board meeting	Patti, Ray

3 SUMMARY OF AGENDA AND DISCUSSION

3.1 APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The March meeting minutes were approved 8-0, motion 20180409-1.

3.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reviewed the SUN article.

3.3 PUBLICITY REPORT

Email blasts for newsletter & KO went out late; apologies from JC. Be aware that IMP Pairs is scheduled for May 20th at 1pm at SBC. (Event was noted as TBA in SUN but had full info in the email blast.) Printed newsletters are available at the meeting for distribution (board will distribute).

3.4 UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS: ISSUES, FLYERS, EVENTS

3.4.1 Spring NLM (May 5-6, SBC)

Bill requested help on partnership. Ann & Patti will reach out to assist. Need to check in with DIC (Jenni) to ensure that directorial staff is sufficient for Saturday (Patti will reach out). Parking: Need a volunteer to help manage parking. Ann will check if Tracey will be there and can help direct parking.

3.4.2 KO Sectional (May 25-28, Bothell)

Tim has sent a note to Roberto regarding janitorial. Need to confirm whether Bill has and will bring the partnership box and either way to put out the no parking signs at Bothell (Tim will own). At the May meeting, we'll staff the setup/teardown.

3.4.3 Suntan (July 14-15, Kent)

Noting that IMP pairs at a sectional has gone away. We did move it into the unit trifecta series. May consider adding it to the Halloween Friday evening. Discussed day of tournament phone and other reference information that we need. Board approved flyer to be submitted to ACBL (no motion required).

3.4.4 Halloween (September 14-16, Bothell)

Re-title to something besides Halloween (since in September) and Fall (to avoid confusion with NLM). To be considered: adding IMP or BAM on Friday night. Note that September attendance is terrible historically, so if we have diminished attendance. Should we reconsider the consolation pairs? Brief discussion. Start times: Motion 20180409-2 approved. Discussion of Swiss events. Chairs took action to consult with DIC. Flyer will be prepped and reviewed at or by the June meeting.

3.4.5 Fall NLM (November 10-11, SBC)

No reports.

3.5 D19 REPORT

Tim reviewed notes from the D19 board meeting:

- DIC assignments now come from Arlene Harvey (no longer Matt Smith and Matt Koltnow).
- Discussed D19 elections and changes in board membership & officers.
- At regionals, the ACBL NABC policy (stringent, no electronic device on or off in play area) is being enforced. (This is not carried into sectionals.)
- ACBL Pianola contract is ending in June and will no longer be available. Discussed concerns regarding lack of publicity without an email. Asked our board reps (Steve, Tim) to follow up with the district board regarding concerns for Lynnwood and unit-level tournament publicity, would like a response from district by May meeting.
- ACBL denied funding request for youth bridge citing previously unknown conflict of interest.
- Purple pass "electronic payment of entries" will be in beta later this year.
- Tournament attendance is down 6% ACBL-wide.
- TAP is being re-branded as How to Teach Bridge.
- 547 clubs participated in REACH.
- Strength of field weighting of awards in pairs is in committee (similar to change made to team events).
- GNT qualifier player memo is in review at District board (David Binney) and may result in C&E committee, confidential process.

Steve added:

- Currency fluctuation impact discussion, cash handling challenges
- ACBL interest in expanding in Mexico

- D19 board has impact locally and needs our attention
- Noted he plans to run for re-election
- Call for new folks in need of district goodwill pinUnit Games update

3.6 UNIT GAMES

Round robin is kicked off. 24 teams: 8 A, 7 B, 9 C. Trifecta changes: IMP pairs on May 20, Eight is enough moving to June. MUG attendance is up when run, club owners like it.

3.7 SITE COMMITTEE: 2019 SITE UPDATE

2018 calendar is locked. 2019 is posted but in flux. We have very few viable sites for February sectional. Patti is working with contact at NSC, and Ann has gotten tentative dates for Vasa. Bothell is locked for KO. Summer: also lacking site, considering Mercer Island High School (John reconnecting). Fall: also not guaranteed in Bothell.

3.8 YOUTH BRIDGE SNGB REQUEST & UPDATES

Camp: 9 kids signed up. ACBL Ed Fund provided \$1000 that will be used for the camp. Camp will come back to board with request for funding in May.

SNGB funding request: Reviewed brief from Anne Farmer. May youth tournament (weekend after NLM sectional). SNGB board voted to have a pizza, cake party; trophies; and t-shirts. Requesting \$500 to help with the party and \$500 as a stipend for kids going to youth NABCs (resulted in motions 20180409-3 and 20180409-4, both approved). Noted that we now have bridge youth in high school that came out of the middle school program. (For high school, the kids have to initiate the club, finding a teacher and parent sponsor. SNGB cannot help once they go into high school except for supplies.) Recapped history of grants from the unit.

3.9 BUILDING THE UNIT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Held over to May since John was unable to attend. Plan to discuss in May.

3.10 NEW BUSINESS

3.10.1 NLM Regional (brought up during Fall discussions)

Seaside is doing a NLM regional. Have we done a NLM regional? D19 did one once but it just barely broke even (using a donation). Regional at the clubs is

3.10.2 Membership (new member intro emails)

Patti is putting together a letter to go to the new members in our unit. Freeplays to each of the clubs was included in the past along with a unit event free play.

3.10.3 Giving SNGB and camp attendees a sectional or club freeplay

Youths play nearly free already (under 18 play for a dollar). Decided no action.

3.10.4 National Board Selection

National Board selection (Bryan Delfs email). Agreed to invite candidates to speak at a future board meeting TBD.

Next meeting: May 7, 6:45 pm at the Mercer Island Library: big room