SBU Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: 5/7/2018, Mercer Island Public Library

Board members in attendance: Ann, Ray, John, Patti, Eric, Bill, Larry, Mike, Tim, Monty

1 Summary of Motions

Ref	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote Result
20180507-1	To approve the April meeting minutes	Larry	Ray	Carried 9-0 (Eric not yet present)
20180507-2	To change the Saturday open event at the September Sectional to a two-session open pairs event	Monty	Eric	Carried 8-2
20180507-3	To change the Friday evening event at the September Sectional to IMP pairs	Ann	Mike	Carried 8-2
20180507-4	To authorize offering new Junior Masters free play at one Sunday session of any future NLM tournament	Patti	Ann	Carried 10-0

2 Summary of Action Items

Action	Assigned To
KO Sectional set-up (11:00 a.m., Friday, May 25)	Ann, Ray, Bill, Mike, Tim, Monty
Notify David Taylor of setup schedule.	Tim
KO Sectional tear-down (end of play, Monday, May 28)	Ann, Ray, Eric, Mike, Tim
Meet with Bev at IUOE for transition	Tim, Monty
Set up day-of-tournament phone for KO	Tim, Mike, JC
Arrange for photos of winners at KO	Tim, Mike
Follow up with Roberto re janitorial services at KO	Tim
Provide "Do Not Lock" sign for janitorial supply closet.	Tim
Send E-mail blast for Sun Tan Sectional around June 1	JC
Urge players at Des Moines and/or Fife to participate in the Sun Tan Sectional	Ann, John
Confirm that Kent Commons is named as an additional insured for Sun Tan	John
Obtain input from ACBL directors regarding scheduling of events at September Sectional, and related issues	Eric, Ann, Monty
Determine what authority would be needed from District 19 to hold a regional NLM tournament	Tim
Determine whether Matt Koltnow and/or David Dailey will participate in a committee to review the format of events at sectional tournaments	Eric (Mike, Bill, Ray)

Schedule a meeting with North Seattle College regarding use of space	Tim, Patti
Find examples of contracts for tournament space	John
Generate comprehensive price list for tournaments	Larry
Publicize rescheduling of "Eight Is Enough" event to July 1	Eric
Meet with Clay Loughery and Mercer Island High School regarding 2019 Sun Tan	Tim
Find new provider of e-mail blast services.	Eric, JC
Prepare articles for Sun on upcoming elections to Unit, District, and ACBL Boards	Tim, Ann
Invite candidates for D19 BOD and ACBL BOD to appear before the Unit Board to discuss their candidacies	Ann
Confirm with Eastside Bridge Center that their facilities will be available for the Board's planned July 1 meeting	Ann

3 Summary of Agenda and Discussion

3.1 Approval of April meeting minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were approved 8-0. (Motion 20180507-1.)

3.2 Financial Report

John invited questions on the May 3 Treasurer's Report and the revised 2018 Budget that he had circulated in advance of the meeting. There were none. Ann said that she had received no questions or comments on the *Sun* article regarding the Unit's financial condition, and asked whether anyone else had received any. No one had.

3.3 Publicity Report

Deferred in JC's absence. Eric will talk to JC about solutions to the ACBL's termination of its provider of e-mail blast services.

3.4 Upcoming Tournaments

3.4.1 KO (May 25-28 at Bothell) Larry reported that preparations are generally in train. Ann, Ray, Tim, Mike, Larry, Bill, and Monty agreed to be at Bothell by 11:00 a.m. on Friday to help with setup. Tim will notify David Taylor of this schedule so that he can provide the trailer. Tim and Monty will meet with Bev to transition the relationship. Ann, Ray, Eric, Mike, and Tim will help with tear-down on Monday. Tournament chairs Mike and Tim will take care of arranging for photos of winners. The day-of-tournament phone needs to be set up; the chairs will work this out with JC. Tim will follow up with Roberto regarding janitorial services, and will see that the janitorial supply closet remains

unlocked. Ann requested that a "Do Not Lock" sign be affixed to the door of the closet; Tim will see to this.

3.4.2 Sun Tan (July 14-15, Kent Commons) Preparations are up to date. Flyers were passed out for distribution to the clubs. JC will arrange an e-mail blast, probably around June 1. Kent Commons has requested to be named as an additional insured; John will ensure that this has been done. John offered to go to Des Moines or Fife to urge players at one of those clubs to attend the sectional and encourage others to do so. He and Ann will coordinate on this.

3.4.3 September Sectional (September 14-16, Bothell) Ann still has not received a response to her inquiries to the directors regarding scheduling and related issues; Eric will help. A motion to change the Saturday open event from a qualifier/finals/consolation format to two-session open pairs, made by Monty and seconded by Eric, carried 8-2. (Motion 20180507-2). Ann noted that this motion is simply for a one-time change of schedule, because of the expected small attendance at this year's fall sectional, and requested that the minutes so reflect. A motion to change the Friday evening event to IMP pairs, made by Ann and seconded by Mike, carried 8-2. (Motion 20180507-3).

3.4.4 Fall NLM (Seattle Bridge Center) We are committed to SBC for this event this year. Although the facility was crowded for the May NLM Tournament, attendance in the fall is expected to be smaller. John commented that attracting NLMs to tournament play is a goal, not a problem, and other locations should be identified if needed. See paragraph 3.7.3 below for further discussion of possible locations.

3.4.5 Patti would like the Unit to consider holding a Regional NLM tournament, possibly in the Spring of 2019, that might draw additional attendance by offering gold points. Tim will determine what authority from District 19 is needed to hold such a tournament.

3.5 Spring NLM Postmortem

Patti and Ann reported that in general, the tournament went very well, with 76 tables of play and positive feedback from participants. Approximately 10 temporary ACBL memberships were sold. A few areas were noted for improvement in the future:

The timing of the second session of the Swiss event should be "TBA," to prevent undue delay.

Two unit members who are not otherwise at the tournament should be detailed for tear-down, cleanup, and to reset the room, to avoid imposing on Nick Tipton unduly.

One of the Unit's play clocks should be on the premises. Without it, Jenni was reluctant to impose penalties for slow play, which became a problem.

For this and other tournaments, a price sheet clearly spelling out all discounts and other special arrangements should be at the sign-in desk. Larry agreed to generate such a list.

3.6 Competitions Committee

3.6.1 Eric reported that the Round Robin event seems to be rolling, with 24 teams, 8 in each bracket. Minor glitches are being addressed. He noted that the "Eight Is Enough" event was scheduled to be held during the Penticton Regional, which a surprising number of members of Unit 446 attend. He suggested moving the event to July 1, and the Board agreed. Eric will see that this change is publicized appropriately.

3.6.2 The discussion of events at the September Sectional led to a proposal for forming a committee to review more generally the format of events at Sectionals. Ray, Eric, Mike, and Bill agreed to serve on such a committee. Eric will determine whether Matt Koltnow and/or David Dailey is willing to participate.

3.7 Site Committee

3.7.1 Sites for the 2018 tournaments are confirmed.

3.7.2 For 2019, Vasa Park is reserved for the Sweetheart Sectional; and the KO and Fall Sectionals are likely confirmed at Bothell. Tim will meet with Clay Loughery and the Mercer Island High School administrator about using their facilities for the 2019 Suntan Sectional.

3.7.3 Patti reported that she has been in contact with North Seattle College (NSC) about using their facilities for NLM tournaments in 2019, but has been unable to obtain firm figures, simply ballpark estimates. John observed that the Unit has been badly burned by NSC in the past, and that any further relationship with NSC should be on the basis of a clear and enforceable written contract. Patti and Tim will schedule a meeting with NSC representatives. John will look for examples of contracts in his files.

3.8 Youth Bridge

Nothing reported.

3.9 Elections

Ann and Tim noted that there are three elections this fall: for the Unit Board of Directors; for the Unit's representative on the District 19 Board of Directors; and for District 19's representative on the ACBL Board of Directors. Tim will work with Ann on appropriate articles in the Sun, and on opportunities for candidates for the latter two positions to appear before the Board if they wish to do so.

3.10 Building the Unit

Patti wants to send welcome letters to new members of the Unit, including coupons for one free play at local clubs. She circulated drafts for comment, and no objections were expressed. She also would like to send new Junior Masters (5 MPs) a letter of congratulations. She moved that she be authorized to include in such a letter a coupon good for a free play at one session of the next NLM sectional. Ann seconded. After discussion, the mover and seconder accepted a friendly amendment to make the free

play good for one Sunday session at any future NLM sectional. As amended, the motion carried, 10-0. Patti said that such letters will not be mailed until the flyers for the Fall NLM sectional are available.

3.11 New Business

3.11.1 The Board agreed that there is currently no reason to hold a June meeting; a meeting may be held by conference call if needed. The next presently-scheduled meeting will be on July 1, in conjunction with the "Eight Is Enough" event at Eastside Bridge Center. Ann will confirm with EBC that the facilities will be made available.

3.11.2 Jenni Carmichael will be invited to attend a future meeting of the Board, probably in August.

3.11.3 Tim reported that the NAP finals have been scheduled and sanctioned by the ACBL. However, it now appears that the intended facility for the Flight C finals, scheduled for September 23 in Vancouver BC, will be unavailable. Tim is working on this issue on behalf of the District.

3.11.4 Tim reported that Bihar Gidwani has been dismissed from his position as CEO of the ACBL.

Next meeting: July 1, at 10:30 a.m., Eastside Bridge Center