

# SBU Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: by teleconference, 7:00 p.m., February 4, 2019

Board members in attendance: Ann, JC, John, Lane, David D, Eric, Ray, Mike, Monty

Board members absent: Bill C, Patti, Tom

## 1 SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

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Ref	Motion	Moved	Seconded	Vote Result
20190204-1	Approve the minutes of the January meeting.	John	Ray	Carried, 9-0
20190204-2	Approve the payment of approximately \$50 to put a new base on the Jabon trophy to provide space for the names of additional winners.	John	JC	Carried, 9-0
20190204-3	At the Knockout Tournament in May, replace the two Sunday rounds of the open knockout event with a Swiss qualifying event, to be followed by knockout semi-finals and finals on Monday.	JC	Ann	Carried, 9-0

## 2 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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### 2.1 SWEETHEART SECTIONAL ACTIONS (TO BE CLOSED ASAP)

Action	Assigned To
Print certificates for Unit Ace of Clubs winners.	Ann
Check with Patti regarding caddy master.	Ann
Talk to Vasa Park owners regarding handicapped parking.	Ann
Provide flashlights to help those needing assistance at night.	Ann
Respond to requests for help in finding partners or teammates.	Bill, David C
Follow up with Nick Tipton and Jeff Ford regarding loan of additional Bridgemes. Let John know whom to pay and how much.	Ann
Print up thank-you sign for those providing Bridgemes.	JC
Arrange to cover the mirror in the playing area.	Ray
Set up tournament phone (Google Voice), prepare announcement notes.	Ray, Mike
Setup Crew – plan to be at the site no later than 8:30am on Friday Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Ray, Bill, Ann, Tom, David D, Mike
Take pictures of winners, or find someone to do so	Mike

Action	Assigned To
Tear-down crew. Ask Beau Hovda to help.	Ray, Lane, Mike, John, Monty

## 2.2 ACTIONS CONTINUING (STILL OPEN)

Action	Assigned To
Provide an if/then designation for how Swiss Teams are to be run at our sectionals (to be approved by the board).	Eric for the Competition Comm.
Revisit whether \$1000 is a sufficient fee for SBC for 2019.	NLM Chairs for 2019 (TBD)

## 2.3 NEW ACTIONS (OUTSIDE THE SWEETHEART SECTIONAL)

Action	Assigned To
Arrange new base for Jabon trophy.	Ray
Schedule Round Robin party.	Eric
Put together schedule for Unit Games.	Eric
Review draft flyers for KO Sectional circulated by JC after meeting.	All Board members
Consider possible replacements for Lane's unexpired term.	All Board members

# 3 SUMMARY OF AGENDA AND DISCUSSION

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## 3.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by John, seconded by Ray, for approval of the minutes of the January 7 meeting carried unanimously.

## 3.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

John circulated a financial report by e-mail before the meeting. There were no questions or discussion.

## 3.3 PUBLICITY REPORT

JC announced that the *Sun* newsletter was distributed on February 1. The open rate was in the usual 40% to 50% range. Flyers for the Sweetheart Sectional have also been distributed.

## 3.4 CHECKLIST FOR SWEETHEART SECTIONAL, FEBRUARY 15-17 AT VASA PARK

Ann reviewed the checklist for the upcoming sectional:

- The rental payment has been made, insurance is in place.
- Mini-McKinney medals have been ordered and delivered.
- Certificates for Ace of Clubs winners need to be prepared after the February ACBL computer run. **Ann will handle.**

- The Jabon trophy will need a new base to provide additional space for the names of winners. Motion by John, seconded by JC, to approve the expenditure of approximately \$50 for this purpose carried unanimously. **Ray will handle.**
- Patti has arranged for caddies. **Ann will check** with Patti as to who will be caddy master in her absence.
- Some people, mostly experts and novices, are looking for partners. **David D is helping Bill.**
- Ray has arranged with Sharon Erwin to pick up the boards for the tournament. This task is not on the checklist currently.
- The Bridgemates that the Unit has been using were stolen from the DIC's car last fall and have not been recovered. David Taylor has made a proposal for replacements. Both District 19 and District 20 have approved this proposal, but additional Bridgemates will not be available in time for the Sweetheart Sectional. Stan Roberts has offered to provide Eastside's Bridgemates and has refused all offers of compensation. Nick Tipton and Jeff Ford have been asked to lend Bridgemates as well but have not yet responded. **Ann will follow up. JC will print up** an appropriate thank-you notice. If payment is needed, **Ann will tell John** how much to pay and to whom. It will be important to safeguard the Bridgemates and see that they are returned to their proper owners in good condition. David D suggested using china markers.
- The set-up crew will be **Ray, Bill, Ann, David D, Mike, and Tom.** They need to arrive at Vasa Park between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 15.
- Ann reported that hospitality will take the usual form. There is not time to arrange for food trucks. It is possible that they can be arranged for the Bothell Knockout Sectional in May.
- **Ray will see** that the mirror in the playing area at Vasa Park is covered with butcher paper. Using sheets hasn't been satisfactory.
- The day-of-tournament phone will be the one listed on the flyer. **Mike will see** that the phone is set up and the chairs know how to use it.
- The tear-down crew Sunday evening will be **Ray, Lane, Mike, John, Monty,** and Beau Hovda.
- David Taylor is unavailable to take the trailer back to the barn on Sunday evening. Patti's son will do so.
- Discussion followed concerning using some or all of the upper parking area for handicapped parking. **Ann will follow up** with Vasa Park's owners.
- Flashlights are needed to help people get to their cars at night. **Ann will follow up.**
- **Mike agreed** to take pictures of winners, or to find someone to do so.

### 3.5 OTHER SECTIONALS

#### 3.5.1 Knockout Sectional, May 24-27 at Bothell

After discussion, a motion by JC, seconded by Ann, to replace the two Sunday rounds of the open knockout event with a two-round Swiss qualifying contest, to be followed by knockout semi-finals and finals on Monday, carried unanimously. This will not affect the three-round 0-2500 knockout event scheduled for Sunday and Monday.

**JC will prepare** flyers announcing the new event that will be available at the Sweetheart Sectional. She requested that Board members review them promptly.

The new format is an experiment. If it is successful, the same format may be used in the 0-2500 knockout in future years.

### 3.5.2 Summer Sectional, July 5-7 at Mercer Island Middle School

No discussion.

### 3.5.3 Fall Sectional/NLM Regional, September 20-22 at Bothell.

The NLM Committee will report at the March Board meeting. Monty reported that he had confirmed with Roberto Martinez his availability and willingness to provide janitorial services at the two Bothell tournaments in 2019.

## 3.6 COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

**Eric will schedule** a Round Robin party, probably the first weekend in March. Discussion followed about using the Monthly Unit Game sanctions. **Eric will put together** a schedule and bring it to the March meeting.

## 3.7 INSURANCE

Monty reported by e-mail ahead of the meeting on his unsuccessful efforts to find a company that would insure the trailer and/or its contents. There were no questions or discussion.

## 3.8 APPRECIATION AWARDS

Lane reported that the committee has not met. Further discussion was tabled until Patti's return.

## 3.9 YOUTH BRIDGE

Ann reported that she is trying to find a venue for showing the documentary "Double Dummy," which portrays youth bridge, sometime in the Spring. She hopes to use it as a fund-raiser to support youth bridge.

## 3.10 NEWCOMER PARTY

David D described the plans for a newcomer party and shortened duplicate game for persons with 0-20 masterpoints, to be held Friday evening April 26, a week before the NLM Sectional. Approximately 500 Unit members are in this category. Such an event doesn't require ACBL approval. A discussion followed whether there should be an entry fee; Ann recommended a \$5 fee. The estimated budget for hospitality is about \$100. There will also be expenses for flyers and postage.

## 3.11 RESIGNATION FROM THE BOARD

Lane reported that he has purchased a house in Mexico, to which he will move in April or May. He will resign from the Board at that time. Ann requested that **all members** consider who would be a good replacement to serve the remainder of Lane's term, through 2021.

### 3.12 TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Ann reported that Tom Land will be taking over from her as Hospitality Chair later in the year. Ann would like to take on the role of Tournament Chair. There was no objection.

### 3.13 SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Ann is interested in this issue. Larry Holdren is willing to remain involved. Ray will help.

### 3.14 NEW TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Ann reported that the ACBL administrative issues that delayed Jeremy Gulley's taking the tournament director test have been resolved. We look forward to having another local tournament director.

### 3.15 DATES FOR 2020 TOURNAMENTS

Tabled until the March meeting.

### 3.16 "SEATTLE SECTIONAL AT SEA"

Ann has spoken to Julie Smith, who will press the Unit's concerns with ACBL leadership. Eric knows of a good deal of discussion among the members of the D19 Board but no movement. Ann requested that any questions or comments on this issue be directed to Eric and Julie Godefroy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting: 6:45 p.m., March 4, 2019, Mercer Island Public Library**

Respectfully submitted,

Monty Gray,  
Secretary