

SBU Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: June 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom teleconference

Board members in attendance: JC, Susan, Tom B, Cliff, Bill, Scott, David, Aidan, Jeff, Gene, Tom L. and Karen. Also present: Ann Romeo

1. Summary of Motions

Ref	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote Result
	Approve the May meeting minutes.	JC	Tom B.	Carried unanimously
	Continue to create survey as planned with focus on post club reopenings for distribution in mid to late July.	David	Scott	Carried unanimously
	Drop the Home Style Swiss program online as of July 1st.	Cliff	Karen	Carried unanimously
	To hold another Mentor/Mentee game in August.	JC	David	Carried with 7 for, 4 con and 1 abstention
	To approve as tentative the proposed '22 tournament schedule while dropping the summer Suntan Sectional at this time.	JC	Susan	Carried with 1 abstention

2. Actions on Hold

Action	Assigned To
Consider possible increase in Sectional entry fee in light of rising costs.	Deferred until after the next live Sectional is held.
Renew Trailer tags.	David/Tom B Deferred until 2 months before trailer is to be used
Consider incentives (possibly survey C-level members) to see what would work to get a sufficient numbers of teams for a C-level bracket in next summer's Round Robin	October Board Mtg

3. Actions Continuing

Action	Assigned To
How to run a Sectional, planning checklist and other resources to be documented for full Board.	JC, Ann
Informally contact Clubs re 2021 plans and inputs for Unit. See report below. To contact all for updates to Club pages on Unit website.	Cliff
Bylaw review committee had it's 1st meeting 2/27 and identified areas of interest. Followed up with committee as to preferences on how to proceed.	JC
Finalize Welcome Packet for Board approval. Develop recommendations for ways to welcome newcomers to the Unit and to recognize achievements such as rank advancement.	Karen & Committee (see two actions to update Website.)
Automate distribution of Welcome Packet upon completion. Subject to completion of above.	JC
Develop content of email survey for Board approval. See Motion to delay and Action to obtain full District 19 results.	David w/assist from Cliff and Karen
Curate membership list to use as basis for email survey. Subject to completion of above. Report on Membership monthly	David
The remaining action items from May have been completed.	

4. New Actions

Action	Assigned To
Partnership Desk to be added to website, emails and into Google sheet.	JC
Partnership alias to be created on BIS.org.	JC
Obtain full District 19 survey results.	Ann
Release Sun Blast on June 8th.	JC
Document how the Home Style Swiss games were managed.	Scott
Recover \$500 deposit made for Suntan Sectional from Kent site.	Ann

5. Summary of Agenda Discussion

5.1 Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Approved without revision.

5.2 Treasurer's Report

Tom B. sent separate report to Board by email. Balance on hand is \$56,711.66 as of May 31, 2021.

5.3 Membership Update

David reported that the Unit only lost 8 members in the month of May, indicating a slowing decline.

5.4 Publicity Update

JC reported nothing unusual during the Month of May. Sun Blast to be released June 8th.

5.5 Round Robin Status

Jeff reported that 13 teams participated, 7 in the top flight and 6 in the other flight. A discussion ensued about motivating more C-level teams to participate next year. Ideas included free participation for Cs, winning a free game/lesson with an expert, ect.

5.6 Homestyle Swiss

Scott will not be available past July to manage these games. In light of anticipated club reopenings and attendance drooping, a motion to stop these games as of July 1st was passed. In case there is a need in the future, Scott agreed to document how it was done.

A general discussion of promoting team games as a monthly Unit sponsored event, perhaps rotating among clubs, ensued.

5.7 Next Virtual Events?

Discussion focused on previously successful online Mentor/Mentee game. It was decided that another game would be held (possibly online) in August with Jeff volunteering to direct, Ann to manage and Scott to help. Budget TBD.

5.8 2022 Tournament Schedule & Sites

After review and discussion, motion was made and passed to approve the tentative '22 schedule after dropping the summer Suntan Sectional. Ann will pursue recovery of the \$500 deposit with the Kent location.

5.9 Next Meeting

Agreed to skip a July meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for **5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2021 via Zoom.**

5.10 New Business

None. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

5.11 How to Run a Sectional...ask us anything

After the meeting closed, JC and Ann identified useful documentation spelling out how to run a tournament including how to access said materials. After an overview, JC agreed to tighten up some of the materials for ease of access and redundancy.

Respectfully submitted, Cliff Feldman, Secretary