

SBU Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: September 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom teleconference

Board members in attendance: Jeff Ford, Cliff Feldman, Craig Mills, David Dailey, Gene Gousie, Bill Campbell, Karen Hudesman, Tom Brown, Steve Estvanik and Scott Chupack. Not in attendance: Janet Ealy. Ann Romeo was also in attendance.

1. Summary of Motions

Ref	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote Result
	Approve August minutes	David	Karen	passed
	Approve use of Free Plays (FP) to promote FTF play at local clubs and support the health of those clubs. Initially to be included in Welcome Packet sent to new Unit members, sent to an identified group of members that have been inactive since the pandemic, and to members with less than 10 MPs.	Cliff	Jeff	passed

2. Actions on Hold

Action	Assigned To
Consider incentives (survey C-level members?) to see how to get a sufficient numbers of teams for a C-level bracket in next summer's Round Robin (2023)	Board

3. Actions Continuing

Action	Assigned To
Hold zoom meeting of committee to discuss how the Unit can best support the clubs. Contact Clubs for updates to Club pages on Unit website.	Cliff: Scott, Ann
Karen to continue sending out Welcome letters monthly.	Karen
Create draft updated By-Laws for review at next meeting.	David
The remaining action items from August 1 meeting have been completed.	

4. New Actions

Action	Assigned To
BFY check to be sent	Tom
Re-confirm availability of SRT for Spring Sectional	Gene

Follow up on defining use of free plays and contacting membership re: email.	David/Cliff
Establish policy for lending dealing machine/bridgemates to Clubs.	Board
Establish and document tax value of donated equipment.	Tom
Elections Committee to recruit for 2023 Board vacancies.	David/Ann
Janet Ealy to be contacted re: Board interest.	Tom
Board Election announcement to be published.	
Identify list of inactive members and those with less than 10 MPs.	David/Cliff

5. Summary of Agenda Discussion

5.1 Treasurer's Report

As of August 31, 2022 account balances total \$57,090.48.

5.2 Membership Update

Latest in/out report shows 1290 members, up about 10, mostly from BFY.

5.3 Tournament Chair Report

Reconfirmed Nov 6 NLM game and Oct 9 Mentor/Mentee game.

Given changes in SRT site use, Gene to re-confirm Sweetheart Sectional to be 2 or 3 days February 17-20 at SRT. Announcement received that SRT will no longer be renting out space.

5.4 Old Business

By-laws Committee discussion draft delayed until next meeting with target for Board to finalize before year end.

An Elections Committee comprised of David and Ann was formed. As many as four seats may be open for election, including Aidan's vacated seat. Tom is to call Janet Ealy re: her interest in continuing to serve.

A discussion of the use of Free Plays was held based on Cliff and David summary of ideas. A motion to move forward on the use of FPs in three categories was passed. Discussion is to continue based on the results. The idea of using a 'bingo card' to get punched at FTF clubs for an additional FP was also discussed and tabled. Clubs to be briefed once the targets are established and materials developed.

5.5 New Business

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

5.9 Next Meeting

The next meeting for October is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022 at **5:00 p.m. via Zoom**. A face to face meeting/get together is still contemplated for December.

Respectfully submitted, Cliff Feldman, Secretary