

# SBU Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: February 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom teleconference

Board members in attendance: Jeff Ford, Cliff Feldman, Craig Mills, Gene Gousie, Tony Marshall, Karen Hudesman, Tom Brown, Mirjana Reams, Steve Estvanik, Shawn Abernethy. Absent: Loren Baker and David Dailey.

## 1. Summary of Motions

Ref	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote Result
	Approve January minutes	Tom Brown	Jeff Ford	Passed
	Shall we change the format of the Microsoft Trophy to actual master points without adjustment for Grassroots events?			Not Passed
	Shall we arrange one or two mentor/mentee games this year?	Jeff Ford	Cliff Feldman	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
Final draft of By-Laws re-write before March meeting.	David
The remaining action items from January meeting have been completed. -Transfer meeting minute template to Shawn.	

## 4. New Actions

Action	Assigned To
Secure venue, director, and dates for two mentor/mentee games in March and April.	Shawn
Check with Scottish Rites and Matt Koltnow about possible dates for the Suntan Sectional.	Gene

## 5. Summary of Agenda Discussion

### 5.1 Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, 2023 account balances total \$57,466. Tom was successful in converting \$37,200 in the Schwab account into the higher yielding 18 month CDs (4.65%), leaving \$20,266 in our Key bank account. Gene is Assistant Treasurer and has signature authority along with the President and Treasurer.

### 5.2 Membership Update

Latest in/out report shows 1225 members in our unit. This is down about 12 members from last month, and about 80 members from this time last year.

### 5.3 Tournament Chair Report

Jeff discussed the action list for the February Sweetheart Sectional. The checklist looks good, Lisa and Mirjana will cover hospitality.

Mirjana and Tom are the chairs for the May Sectional, and the flyer is out.

Gene reported that the Scottish Rites venue appreciates us, and we should make a selection on venues for the rest of the year. A return of the Suntan Sectional (August) was discussed, and Gene will check with Scottish Rites and Matt Koltnow about possible dates.

### 5.4 Old Business

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)

Follow up on defining use of free plays and contacting membership re: email. (David/Cliff)

### 5.5 New Business

David Dailey made a proposal (in absentia) to change the scoring format for the Microsoft Trophy. Currently, the winner of the Microsoft Trophy is the member who wins the most number of masterpoints (MPs) during the Seattle Sectionals, with the exception of Grassroots events. The Grassroots events offer higher MPs, and these events have been weighted downward in the Microsoft Trophy calculation. There was some discussion of the difficulty of keeping track of the weighted Grassroots events, and a desire to keep the scoring as it is so that the award more accurately reflects skill vs. inflated MP awards. Tom volunteered to take over keeping track of the Microsoft Trophy scores for the year. A vote was made on the proposal which was not passed.

Mentor/Mentee games - We discussed having one or two events in March and April 2023 at Seattle Bridge Center. The March game would be a mentor/mentee game similar to last year. The April game would be an "8 is Enough" team format. Shawn offered to check with Nick at SBC, finalize the dates, and run point on the March game.

Round Robin - it would be nice to get newer players involved. We discussed running the Round Robin in a similar schedule as last year.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

## 5.6 Next Meeting

The March meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Shawn Abernethy, Secretary