

Minutes of the District V Executive Committee Meeting March 13, 2023

Attending: Jim Overcashier, Sandi Bross, Barb Bacon, Sharon Fairchild, Marc Sylvester, Ron Franck, Fred Schenker, Davis Heussler

Absent: Dian Petrov

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Jim Overcashier.

Minutes:

The minutes were corrected to add that Fred Schenker was going to take over as tournament coordinator on February 1.

Barb moved and Davis seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Sandi reported a money market balance of \$80,626 and the checking account is at \$58,414. This includes \$4240 for ½ of the ballroom in Pittsburgh, an \$3000 for the Mountaineer unit supplies that Meadville and Erie will pay for and split.

Marc asked if there was a better investment for us. Sandi said we need a lot of liquidity and she would be reluctant to tie up any more money right now.

Jim suggested we move \$20,000 from checking to Edward Jones. This amount was already approved so Sandi will move it at this time.

Buffalo Regional.

The Millennium hotel is available. We should have a contract by the end of the week.

Pittsburgh Regional

Marc moved that we raise the session fee to \$15 for the 2023 Pittsburgh Regional. Davis seconded. The discussion brought to light that we would prefer to run over budget on hospitality than raise the rates to a different level than other regionals. The motion was withdrawn.

GNT

The GNT was moved to April 29-30 due to a wedding in Cleveland

New Business

Jim asked us to reflect how we can give back to the membership.

- We could sponsor education programs to get more members.

- We could give back with hospitality.

- We could raise the GNT subsidy

- We should look at how we do GNTs to see if there is a better way.

We questioned what procedure we should use if we use more hotel nights than we were allotted. We should put in the days we are going to be there and reimburse the district for the extra days.

Margot sent us information about running an online regional event the day before or the day after our regional. It would take 16 tables to break even. Seems like it would be worth a try. We need more details on participation and advertising.

Sandi suggested we ask Steve and Barb G make a presentation to people who might be interested in his teaching program to get more players.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM