

Unit 360 board meeting minutes  
Monday, Feb 12, 2024

Present: Bob Wagstaff, Paul Gefreh, Ed Hill, Ann Couch, Mark Bishop, Kay Brock, Phoebe Lostroh, Pat Towle, Bob Somppi

Meeting called to order, 4:22 pm

Bob W presiding.

1. Approval of the minutes from January 11, 2024 board meeting was unanimous.
2. Excel spreadsheet changes for 0-50 game (Ann)
  - a. Treasurer's report entered into the record.
  - b. New table fees starting April 1
    - i. New students (non-ACBL) \$1 while taking a class
    - ii. ACBL members < 50 points \$3
    - iii. Thursday morning and Saturday evening will stay \$1
  - c. ACBL covers liability for directors, elected board members and the building manager
  - d. Ann negotiated a year-long contract with Waste Management for \$137 and it includes one free month
  - e. Books going to CPA in two weeks; Jeff Rapp will do the audit.
  - f. Should we have a line item in the budget for members taking the director course?  
We didn't decide.
3. There will be a change in how we keep the records for free plays and mentor plays (Paul & Ann will work on this)
4. Return to the Fold (5 5 5) update (Bob)
  - a. ACBL has changed how much of their table fees ACBL gives back to the club. It was 11% to all clubs. Now it's 5% for all clubs and then another 5% or even 10% for meeting the membership goals.
5. The Return to the Fold committee is John D, Laura L, Jody, Sharon and Murlene.
6. Winter Sectional report (Mark)
  - a. Feb 7-10; 10th cancelled because of snow
  - b. There were 136 players and 105 tables as compared to the 2023 Sectional which had 150 players and 162 tables. Of note is that the two session Saturday teams had to be cancelled. With the 20 teams registered, our table count would have been 145, slightly less than 2023.
  - c. We expect \$2774.38 back from ACBL. Expenses are Caddie - \$50.00, Kitchen Supervisor - \$250.00 and hospitality, which is unknown because unopened items will be returned. We expect a surplus of over \$1,000.00. -via Bonnie Bagley, Tournament chair
  - d. Could we ever get tournament dates less likely to be snowed out or at the same time as Superbowl Sunday? That's more difficult than it sounds; Bonnie handles this.
7. Report on Pueblo, Buena Vista, Rocky Ford clubs (Ed)
  - a. 3-4 tables in Pueblo on Thursday evenings
  - b. 2 tables in winter in Rocky Ford (6 in summer)
  - c. We should put these games in The Kibitzer and some of us should go play in these games occasionally
  - d. We need to check if they receive The Kibitzer and check the phonebook for their contact information
8. Mentor program discussion (Paul)
  - a. Paul and Bob S are going to develop and clarify the mentor program.
  - b. They will develop goals, policies and procedures
9. Cleaning issues (Bob)
  - a. We need more regular cleaning

- b. We pay for a cleaner once a month, and in between the club is not getting cleaned enough, which probably contributes to our mouse problem
  - c. Directors might need clearer expectations
  - d. We don't currently have a volunteer to clean the refrigerator, oven, etc.
  - e. Karen has cleaned the ice machine. Not sure if anyone is doing it now.
- 10. Bob S came forward with some important issues
  - a. We will start entering leads in the Bridge Mates to help new players
  - b. We will post the minutes and agenda on a bulletin board and on the web home page
  - c. There are some interpersonal interactions that might be disturbing to new players – we might have to intervene
- 11. We heard feedback from Pat Towle regarding
  - a. A desire for directors to do more to recruit new players
  - b. A concern about deliberate slow play
  - c. A concern that directors should not play if that creates a half table (and therefore a sitout)
- 12. Next meeting scheduled for the second Monday of March (March 11, 2024)
- 13. Meeting adjourned 5:53 p.m.

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Submitted by Phoebe Lostroh, Secretary

These minutes are unofficial until accepted at a later meeting.