

Unit 360 Minutes 2/18/26

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Bob Wagstaff at 3:54 P.M. Present were Bob, Vice President Mark Bishop, Treasurer Paul Gefreh, Brenda Bocek, Dave Loring, Ed Gardner, and the other Ed (Hill). Claudia Busch Lee was present via telephone.

Minutes from last meeting were unanimously approved.

Due to many improvements to the Bridge Center last year, the Unit lost about \$10,000. With a large increase in property taxes, likely increases in insurance, an aging building and aging appliances, discussion ensued regarding how much the Unit should hold in reserve. At present the Unit possesses \$77,000, but it will be discussed if this is sufficient.

Bob shared input from the building manager: A final assessment and bid for repair of the roof will be forthcoming. The Bridge Center carpets have been cleaned (Harold Franson). A key has been acquired, such that the urinal batteries may be replaced as needed. The trees on the property have been routinely watered. The cameras outside the Bridge Center are now online.

The Unit will support 3 “Longest Day” games on Thursday, June 18th. Donations to the Alzheimer’s Association will be collected at each game. Ed Gardner will get those donations to ACBL. Participants are encouraged to bring snacks to share.

Claudia counted 20 participants in the 2/9 Ambassador Game. Future games will have “pros” seated North and West, while “ams” will be seated South and East. Participants are encouraged to bring snacks to share.

Dave counted at least 7 pairs now in the mentoring program, with several more soon.

Lunch at the Awards Game will begin at 11:30, with Bob presenting awards soon thereafter. The game will ensue at 12:30 p.m., \$7 for the game.

The Board discussed partnerships. With numerous variables to consider—Masterpoints, preferred conventions, personality traits—the Board hopes to develop an efficient process for matching up those who have lost a partner and those just visiting.

Ed Gardner proposed a method to increase numbers of novice and intermediate players to attend Unit sectionals: Let them play at half price. Data will be gathered at the Feb. Sectional. (Ed has even agreed to pay the difference if numbers do not increase with this intervention.)

Mark reported that numbers of players for the Feb. Sectional are very good.

Board members decided to chip in for a gift for Bonnie Bagley for her continuing and excellent support for Unit Sectional tournaments.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Hill, Unit 360 Secretary