

Unit 116 Western New York of the ACBL  
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors (unapproved)

December 16, 2016

Bridge Center of Buffalo, Amherst, NY

**Members present:** Howard Foster, Jim Gullo, Chip Kean, Elaine Kurasiewicz, Betty Metz, Sue Neubecker, Dian Petrov, Gay Simpson, Denise Slattery, Tova Reinhorn

**Members absent:** Carol Bedell, Paul Zittel

The meeting was called to order by President Betty Metz at 2:30 p.m. This was a joint meeting of incoming, continuing, and outgoing members.

1. The **minutes** of the meeting of November 4, 2016, previously distributed by email, were approved as revised.
2. A corrected version of the **Treasurer's Report** covering the period 9/22/16 to 10/29/16, previously distributed by email, was accepted. The correction was to change a \$25 credit to a debit. The Treasurer's Report covering the period 10/30/16 to 12/11/16, previously distributed by email, was accepted. The balance was \$17,448, down from \$18,822 at the beginning of the period.
3. **Correspondence.** None.
4. **Committee Reports:**

**Fifth Column.** Entry for the December issue is up on the District's web site. Howard will prepare the entry for the February issue, due on January 15. The Board will try to identify a replacement for subsequent issues.

**Unit Tournament Coordinator.** Dian described the role of the Coordinator for the benefit of new Board members. He will need to be replaced as he is cycling off the Board, and he will work with the new Coordinator to ensure a smooth transition. He noted that sanctions have been obtained for all sectionals in 2017 and 2018, and for the Unit Picnic and Annual Meeting in 2017. Further sanctions will need to be obtained once the Board decides on a calendar of events.

**Sunshine.** Tova reported that one card (to Chris Urbanek) was sent since the last meeting.

**Game Supplies.** Chip reported that we have received six new sets of board with flip-tops for easy dealing and loading. The Unit now has 18 sets, including 12 with flip-tops.

**Membership.** Elaine described the role of the Membership Chair in welcoming new members of the Unit.

**Education.** The students who started over the summer will be continuing into a third session in the Spring, to be taught by Jim Gullo. The hope is that they will be introduced to sectional-level competition next year, possibly at an NLM sectional if one is mounted.

**Elections.** Jim briefly described the process for electing new Board members.

## 5. Old Business:

**Annual Meeting Report.** Betty noted that the financial and hospitality reports for the Annual Meeting had been distributed earlier by email. The event, which attracted 25 tables, ran a deficit of \$425, in line with expectations. The hospitality, including the barbeque-chicken lunch, was well received. The venue (Main-Transit Fire Hall) and director (Brian Meyer) were as usual excellent.

**Winter Sectional.** Fliers are out. A new wrinkle will be the food truck offered by Polish Villa.

**Mentor Program.** Dian reported that about 15 pairs have already signed up for next year, and there are a number of additional intermediate players who have asked for mentors. Dian raised the question of whether mentors who have not completed the prescribed five games should have their entry fees reimbursed. He felt that they should. It was moved and seconded that mentors who played in fewer than five games with their mentees should have the fees reimbursed for the games that they played, and a new cycle be started on January 1, 2017. Motion carried.

## 6. New Business:

**Storage of Boards.** Betty reported that with our new boards we need more storage space. BCB has agreed to clear away a section of their storeroom and rent it to the Unit for \$100 per year. It was moved and seconded that the offer be accepted with gratitude. Motion carried.

**Audit.** The Unit's practice has been to conduct an annual audit of financial procedures and results by a three-member committee, at least one of whom is a member of the Board. Howard and Elaine agreed to serve and will recruit a third member.

**Election of Officers.** Officers of the Board of Directors were elected, and Committee Chairs were designated. They are:

President	<b>Betty Metz</b>
Vice President/Secretary	<b>Sue Neubecker</b>
Treasurer	<b>Tova Reinhorn</b>
BUFF	<b>Judie Bailey</b>
Fifth Column	<b>Denise Slattery</b>
Unit Tournament Coordinator	<b>Gay Simpson</b>
Sunshine	<b>Tova Reinhorn</b>
Electronic Contact	<b>Judie Bailey</b>
Game Supplies & Dealing	<b>Chip Kean</b>
Refreshment Supplies	<b>Paul Zittel</b>
Publicity	<b>Carol Bedell</b>
Membership	<b>Denise Slattery</b>

By-Laws	<b>Jim Gullo</b>
Conduct and Ethics	<b>Denise Slattery</b>
Unit Recorder	<b>Sue Neubecker</b>
Education	<b>Carol Bedell</b>
Elections	<b>Jim Gullo</b>
Intermediate/Newcomer	<b>Carol Bedell</b>
Volunteer of the Year	<b>Gay Simpson</b>

**7. Next Board Meeting:** January 6, 2017, 2:00 p.m., at BCB.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Foster, Secretary