

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

February 3, 2017

**Members present: Carol Bedell, Chip Kean, Betty Metz, Tova Reinhorn, Denise Slattery, Paul Zittel, Jim Gullo, Gay Simpson**

**Members Absent: Sue Neubecker**

- The meeting was called to order by Betty Metz at 2:10pm.
- **Minutes** of January 6, 2017 were accepted.
- **Treasurer's report** noted a balance of \$17,820.01 as of 2/1/17; outstanding Site Deposits remained the same.
- **Correspondence:** none

**Committee Reports:**

- **Mentoring:** Betty spoke with Dian Petrov and was advised that all mentors and mentees were matched and have started the mentoring process with a few exceptions of a few people currently out of town. Specific numbers were not provided.
- **Website:** Betty reminded members that all information for website be sent to: [webmaster@Unit116.com](mailto:webmaster@Unit116.com). For example, all flyers, sanction numbers and calendar information would be sent there.
- **Publicity:** continues to be in contact with Dale Anderson and will add Beginner/Youth information
- **BUFF:** No new business.
- **Education:** Carol provided an in depth report on:
- **Transit Middle School:** Classes will run until March 7, but will not be continued or further pursued in the public school system due to scheduling issues as the classes are categorized as an extra-curricular activity.
- **Bridge Center Buffalo:** Second follow-up class began January 15 and continues until March 12.
- **Summer School Bridge Program:** A Beginner Bridge Class (Grades 5-10) will be held on Thursday mornings from July 6 until August 21 with Sharon Benz designated as instructor. A Follow-up Class will be offered for those who have previously completed a beginner class (to include students from Transit Middle School) from June 27 until August 29. Jim Gullo and Fred Yellen will be instructors.
- **2017 Youth NABC:** Toronto, ON, July 27-29 2017. This opportunity for students 19 years and younger was actively discussed. Betty made recommendation that this be

investigated further as a possibility for the Unit to provide at least partial sponsorship. The possibility of providing bus transportation for the students, parents and mentors as part of that sponsorship. It was unanimously be further researched for cost.

- **Fifth Column:** Denise Slattery has started the Fifth Column article due March 15. Denise confirmed with Betty that the intention was to provide copy every other month rather than on a quarterly basis.
- **Membership:** Quip Report received.

### **Old Business**

- **January Sectional:** Financial Report received and unanimously approved. Comments all around reflected a well-run, efficient operation with a few glitches. Gay mentioned that we needed to start the day with more liquid refreshment. This issue became more acute due to the institution of the Food Truck Service which supplied no liquid refreshments. Note was made of the issue of Bocce Pizza being unable to provide Tuna subs on short notice (Sunday orders). Gay advised that regarding bagels Panera Bread was still the best deal, especially as accompanying spreads are included in the pricing. There was a lively discussion regarding the possibility of obtaining six more cases of boards to facilitate the operation of the Dupli-Swiss play. The motion was tabled as the decision has yet to be made whether or not the Dupli-Swiss will be continued in the future.
- **Audit Committee** met Friday January 13. Members David Donaldson, Howard Foster, Elaine Kurasiewicz reviewed with Treasurer, Tova Reinhorn and approved. Howard Fosters' recommendation that the Unit be operating on a fixed budget was duly noted but not acted upon.

### **New Business**

- **Spring Sectional:** Betty Metz has completed Flyer and has sent to ACBL for approval before distribution.
- **Picnic Chairpersons:** It was decided that the board would maintain last year's price at \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members
- **Non-Life Master Sectional:** Denise has started working on the flyer for this event. Betty will send last year's Flyer to her as a guideline. Non-Unit (116)members fee \$15.
- **Unit Games:** Awaiting sanction.

**Next Meeting:** March 10 @ 2:00 at BCB

**Adjourned @ 3:53 pm.**

**Submitted by Denise Slattery for Sue Neubecker, Secretary**

