

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

March 10, 2017

Members present: Jim Gullo, Chip Kean, Betty Metz, Sue Neubecker, Tova Reinhorn, Gay Simpson, Denise Slattery, Paul Zittel;

Absent: Carol Bedell

- The meeting was called to order by Betty Metz at 2:05pm.
- **Minutes** of February 3, 2017 were accepted.
- **Treasurer's report** noted a balance of \$17,889.40 as of 3/6/17; outstanding Site Deposits are \$1,750.00 through 12/18/2018; a discussion pursued as to the feasibility of requesting a NYS tax exemption letter. Secretary will contact EGTax for an opinion. The unit does have considerable state sales taxes paid for refreshments and supplies.
Tax Forms filed: IRS Form 990-N(e-Postcard) and NTS CHAR 500
- **Correspondence:** Letter of complaint about unethical behavior by a mentor and mentee. Dian Petrov, as coordinator of the program, sent a letter to offenders reminding them the necessity of polite behavior at game.

Committee Reports:

- **Website:** n/a.
- **Site and sanctions:** Gay received notification the ACBL would like NLM schedules one (1) in advance.
- **Sympathy.** 1 card was sent.
- **Publicity:** n/a
- **Director Supplies:** have sufficient supplies on hand.
- **Refreshment Supplies:** Reminder to event Chairs to send their request to Paul.
- **BUFF:** March 21 is deadline for Spring issue.
- **Education:** 9 Students will continue their 4th session @ BCB.
Carol will give the 2 teachers from Transit Middle School a gift certificate from funds allotted. All previous expenses have be paid by ACBL/District.
- **Fifth Column:** Denise will submit the next insert. The Fifth Column is sent electronically.
- **Membership:** 1 new member.
- **Electronic Contact:** n/a.
- **By-Laws:** n/a
- **Election:** n/a

- **Conduct and Ethics:** n/a.
- **Volunteer Hall of Fame:** n/a.

Old Business

- **New Students:** Toronto is including a program for students under 19 years old during its NABC in July. It will include lunch and lessons. Each participant will be allowed to have a mentor present. Eight students currently enrolled in the 4th session at BCB plan to attend. A vote was passed to pay for mentors room expense.
- **Student Mentoring Program:** Students will be encouraged to attend NLM sectional; there will be facilitators available to help with intricacies of Swiss teams games. Students who attend the NLM be allowed to have a 'buddy'. Unit will pay entrance fee for 'buddy'.
- **Unit Game weeks:** March 20-25 and November 13-18
- **Spring Sectional:** J&L BBQ food truck available for Friday and Saturday; Subs will be sold for Sunday.

New Business

- **Unit Picnic:** August 20 @ North Tonawanda Rescue Hall, \$10 US Funds/Unit 116 members and \$16USF for all others. Picnic Chairs are Tova Reinhorn and Paul Zittel
- **Fees for Directors and Club sites:** A motion was passed to increase the fees paid to Directors of Unit events to \$85 per session, up from \$75. Rental to clubs holding Unit events are increased to \$125 per session, previously they were \$100.
- **2019 Dates:**
 - **January Sectional 2019:** Jan 25-27 is first choice and January 11-13 alternate date.
 - **Spring Sectional 2019:** April 5-7 is first choice and April 25-27 second.
 - **September 2019:** September 20-22, first choice, September 13-15, second.; September 7-9 if necessary.
 - **2019 Annual Meeting @ MTFH:** 12/7

Next Meeting: April 7 @2:00pm @ BCB.

Adjourned @ 3:40 pm.

Submitted by Sue Neubecker, Secretary