

WBL Board Meeting

8 July, 2009

The meeting was held at Ron Zucker's home.

In attendance: Carole Banks, Don Berman, Ellen Cherniavsky, Richard Ferrin, Jim Geist, Hank Meyer, Fred King, Linda Marshall, Ron Zucker; non-voting members Barry Bragin and Donna Rogall.

Don Berman called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Secretary's Report

The Board approved the minutes without objection.

Treasurer's Report

Fred King reported a balance of \$11,973 in the WBL's checking account, and a month's receipts from the Unit Game on hold. The investment account has a balance of \$38,654.29. His goal for the next meeting is to have a statement for the first six months of the year. Fred will check on why Don Berman has not received any statements from the Bank of America. Fred suggested increasing the allowance for hosting the Board Meeting from \$100 to \$125, noting that it has been eight years since there was any increase. Jim Geist and Ellen Cherniavsky argued that it should be more and after some discussion an increase to \$150 was approved with eight for, one opposed and one abstention.

The Treasurer's report was approved without objection.

Bulletin

The Jul/Aug edition is at the printer's and on the website. The schedule for the January section was approved unanimously. It will include IMP Pairs on Friday, hopefully a joint game with the ABA on Saturday, and bracketed Swiss on Sunday. Discussion of events for the other three sectionals was deferred to the next meeting.

Unit Game

Chris Miller and Ted Ying were not present. The schedule needs to be changed so that there is a NAP qualifier July 16, a STaC August 27, and a Unit Championship September 24. The change was approved unanimously.

Ron Zucker reported a lack of volunteers to help monitor parking. The Board approved a full free play for future volunteers.

The Geers have bought a window air conditioning unit and a dehumidifier for the room where the 0-20 game is held, at a cost of approximately \$500. This expenditure was approved unanimously. So far only the air conditioning has been run. Brian Geer will bring the tools necessary for the dehumidifier this coming Thursday.

Brian Geer has joined the Round Robin Committee. He has organized a league of 0-100 teams. Linda Marshall stepped down from the Committee.

Membership Growth

Carole Banks reported that the updated brochures for the clubs, which she and Alice Wegman worked on, are expected to be finalized and printed the week of July 13th. Total cost to the WBL will be about \$100, since the ACBL will reimburse about 75% of the cost. Carole asked for volunteers in addition to the club managers to help in distributing the brochures. Ellen Cherniavsky and Linda Marshall will help.

Nationals

The parking rate has been reduced from \$25/day to \$15/day. People who can volunteer parking slots near their home for out of town guests are still needed.

Machlin Selection Committee

Millard Nachtwey will chair the committee.

Tax Status of WBL

Linda Marshall has explored this question, and concludes that the WBL would not be eligible for 501(c)(3) status. Section 501(c)(3) status would mean a property tax exemption and that donors towards buying a new building would get tax deductions. We now have 501(c)(4) status. A separate 501(c)(3) charitable organization could be formed for tax purposes to conduct WBL's youth-related activities (such as Bridge in Schools). If the 501(c)(3) organization purchases the building, any rent the 501(c)(4) organization paid would be taxable to the 501(c)(3) organization.

Alternative sites to the church are being explored, including the Kensington Armory and Ohr Kodesh.

Next Meeting

The next WBL Board meeting will take place August 26, 2009 at Clyde Kruskal's house. The Board thanked Ron Zucker for his hospitality. Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Cherniavsky,
Secretary