

WBL Board Meeting

7 October 2009

The meeting was held at Hank Meyer's home.

In attendance: Carole Banks, Don Berman, Ellen Cherniavsky, Richard Ferrin, Jim Geist, Fred King, Clyde Kruskal, Linda Marshall, Hank Meyer, Ron Zucker; non-voting members Chris Miller, Donna Rogall, Nadine Wood.

President Don Berman called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

Secretary's Report

The Board approved the minutes without objection.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Fred King reported that there is \$8043.75 in the checking account, down \$4238.08 from the start of the year. However there is a check yet to be deposited. The money market account has about \$38,000 and is earning .05% interest. Fred suggested that we allocate \$30,000 to CDs, split among six, 12 and 18 month CDs. Carole Banks made a motion to put \$15,000 each into one six-month and one twelve-month CD. Jim Geist proposed an amendment with the money going to a six-month, nine-month and twelve-month CDs. The amendment failed by a vote of five to four; Carole's motion passed with nine votes.

There has been a problem with the dual check signing required by the Constitution. Two of the three potential signers were out of town when money was needed for the mailing account. Fred King suggested an amendment to the Constitution which would allow for a single signer when the amount was below a threshold limit. This would be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Fred will propose the wording.

The Treasurer's report was approved without objection.

October Sectional

Nadine Wood, Tournament Chair, reported that the October sectional was disappointing in attendance, down about 80 tables from 450. There was no obvious explanation, however there had been no August sectional, and the B-C-D players were missing. There are still problems with the food lines, especially with people taking food onto carpeted areas.

The January sectional will be held at the Church, which plans to charge us the same rent (as for October). The Church's Board of Directors will have a meeting soon where they will discuss the other dates in 2010 that we requested.

Nadine talked to the Senior Center about holding the Friday games at the March sectional there. Start time could be as early as 2:00. Nadine proposed starting times of 2:00 and 6:30. Ron Zucker objected that 6:30 was too early for working people; Chris

Miller said he could not direct at that starting time. After some discussion, Nadine decided that the starting times will be 2:30 and 7:00. It was noted that this is the purview of the tournament chair. It was agreed that the advertising for the May sectional that circulates before March will assume a return to the senior center for the Friday during the May sectional also, even though either we or the center may decide to go back to somewhere such as the church where we can hold 3 sessions.

Unit Game

Don Berman expects to receive an email draft contract from the Ohr Kodesh representative, Jerry Kiewe, soon. Chris Miller noted that he will have to register a change of address for the club, and phone number; he was supplied with this information. Chris also said that after we settle into Ohr Kodesh, it may be possible to cut back to two directors.

Chris Miller raised the question of where we will hold the game on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, when the Church will be renovating the social room. No decision was reached.,but it is likely to be at Ohr Kodesh

Chris Miller stated that the computer needs to be replaced. Richard Ferrin moved that up to \$500 be authorized for a new computer; this motion was passed unanimously.

The Unit Game schedule for 2010 has not yet been finalized. There will be a meeting Saturday October 17 at Millard Nachtwey's to do this. Communication with the Board about this issue will be handled through email.

Ron Zucker will no longer be able to handle parking. Don Berman volunteered for this Thursday.

There was a discussion of what to do with the lamps, air conditioner and humidifier which have been purchased for games at the Church. It was decided that the lamps should be donated to the Church. We will keep the other equipment.

Brochure Distribution

Carole Banks, Chair of the Membership Growth Committee, reported that the brochures have been distributed, however Mark Lavine does not seem to have picked up his share. Carole will look into this. Reimbursement from the ACBL was received and Fred King will request the NVBA for their contribution.

Bridge in Schools

No one seems to be interested in helping conduct this program. Ellen Rosenthal can devote very little time to it.

WBL Bulletin

Linda Marshall will continue to be in charge of Bridge and Bowling; Don Berman will make arrangements with the bowling alley.

Donna Rogall mentioned that there is a problem with the camera used to take pictures of winners of WBL events. She was asked to submit an estimate of how much it would cost to replace the camera.

There is a question about how much money is in the mailing account used to send out the Bulletin and the system to replenish it. Don Berman will follow up.

Machlin Selection Committee

Many members did not hear the announcement at the sectional, therefore, there will be a reannouncement of the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award, Rose Berman.

Purchase of Bidding Boxes for Leslie Shaefer

It was suggested that when the WBL replaces bidding boxes, these could be donated to Leslie Shaefer, or other teachers holding novice games. Action on this item was deferred until after the Board has seen a cost estimate.

Trophy Race Rules

It was decided that this issue will not be revisited until the current rules have been in effect for three years.

Payment of Tournament Assistant Test Fee

It was agreed that this fee would be paid for Hank Meyer, and Ted Ying, as it was for Chris Miller. This will not be a general policy, but will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Friday Night Sectional Game

Richard Ferrin noted that attendance at this event has been very poor. The decision to run a stratiflighted game was unwise in retrospect.

Next Meeting

The next WBL Board meeting will take place November 11, 2009 at Clyde Kruskal's house. The Board thanked Hank Meyer for his hospitality. Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Cherniavsky,
Secretary