

Unit 163 Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2012
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.

Present: Maureen Garlich (1), Jim Jurgenson (1), Joe Pieper (2), MaryAnn Boardman (3), Tom Flanders (3), Dick Tetrault (4), Gary Edwards (4), Dixie Horsey (5), and Bill Kent (Secretary-Treasurer).

Also Present: Kathy Edwards, Gerry Tetrault, Wyn Seeley, Marshal Iehl and Gary Mehlin.

Absent: Ida Bell (2), and Steve Treiber (2).

Minutes approved.

Financial Report (Bill Kent)

Great start: Cedar Rapids made money despite two snow storms, Davenport solid as usual, Hills showed a great profit and the Mason City Regional was one of the most successful Regionals in Unit history. Mount Pleasant had a disappointing loss.

The publications expense for the Unit website covers three years.

Dixie Horsey moves for an additional \$125 for a ninth youth to go to bridge camp.
Motion carried.

Future expenses include youth bridge camp and GNT representative to Nationals.

Regionals

Gary Edwards used the information included in board materials and the past yearly financial to initiate proposals for future Regionals in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. Other possible sites are Quad Cities, Mason City, Dubuque (casino), Waterloo, Little Amana.

Proposals for 2013 must be ready for the October board meeting.

Tournaments

Kudos to Gary Edwards for putting together 8 is enough teams at the Hills Sectional.

Mason City changes the June 1-3 date to August 17-19. Dave McGee will chair.

Hills Labor Day tournament expects to make a special effort to grab the new players playing in the Iowa City (and Cedar Rapids) area.

MaryAnn Boardman looking for input on the Sunday meal at the Cedar Rapids Summer Sectional.

Dubuque tournament will be using the 10 and 3 Saturday times.

Grand National Teams (MaryAnn Boardman)

MaryAnn Boardman would like to eliminate Unit final.

MaryAnn Boardman suggested having a Stars of Tournament in conjunction with the Unit Final. Bill Kent suggested an awards banquet. The big advantage is having a local director.

Committees

Maureen Garlich and Joe Pieper condensed the various committees to five committees.

Gary Edwards will chair the Sectional/Regional Tournaments.

MaryAnn Boardman will chair the Membership Committee.

Maureen Garlich will chair the Finance Committee.

Dixie Horsey will chair the Rules.

Tom Flanders will chair the Communication.

Committees Chairpersons are expected to develop goals, objectives, activities, and deadlines for each function assigned to their committee. Some functions may not need any activity at this time. Chairpersons will report progress at each board meeting.

Board members are encouraged to inform club members of these committees/functions to solicit volunteers to help the chairpersons.

North American Pairs

June, July and August is the time for clubs run NAOP qualifying games.

Old Business

Dick Tetrault moves to authorize an expense account for the Secretary/Treasurer to cover expenses such as gas, lodging, meal, committee meetings and other related items for the 2012 fiscal year up to \$3600 monitored by the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Maureen Garlich moved that Bill Kochneff as editor of the recent bulletin be reimbursed for software and two free plays. Motion carried.

The Publications committee will meet to set up guidelines for future bulletins which will include Bill Kochneff. The Publications and Finance committees will suggest compensation policies for the on-line bulletin editor.

New Business

Joe Pieper reports that his wife raised \$1800 for Fight Against Childhood Cancer.

Gary Edwards reports that the Sunshine Committee is preparing a brochure for new players.

Gary Edwards reports that the Finance Committee will be looking into alternate ways to keep our Unit money

Gary Edwards is looking into buying new tables.

Dick Tetrault submitted his resignation from the Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15.