

**Unit 119 Board Meeting  
Saturday, September 21, 2013  
Carthage, North Carolina**

The meeting was called to order by President, John Markey. John thanked the Sandhills for hosting.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance were: Audrey Ventura, Mette Smith, Ann Pozdol, David Cook, Bruce Reeve, Paul Johnson, Lee Johnson, John Markey, Ann Griffin, Emily Vaughn, Jan Davis, Barbara Toomey, and Nancy Thompson.

Minutes from the last meeting in Greenville, NC were approved.

The financial report was reviewed by John Markey and filed as presented with receipts of \$3272.57, expenses of \$2508.23 leaving a balance of \$12,368.70.

Lee Johnson presented the charity report. The final unit charity games for 2013 will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 benefiting the ACBL charity and the Community Soup Kitchen of Goldsboro. Contact Lee to sign up your club to participate in these games.

**U119 club matters**

- Two new clubs were welcomed: CCNC Dornochers DBC in Pinehurst and Tuesday BC in Raleigh (0-99).
- Club managers were encouraged to run GNT qualifiers. The unit would like to lead the district. New strats: A=0-6000, B=0-2500, C=NLM(500mps and under)
- Clubs are encouraged to try a newcomer game.
- Club managers beware of ACBL playing cards. As described by Bruce Reeve, these cards will not fit in the aluminum or plastic boards. Baron Barkley has been contacted and advised of the problem.

**U119 sectional matters**

- For 2014, all sanctions are in.
- Wilson and Greenville need sanctions for 2015.
- The Sandhills NLM tournament asked for approval of the following 2015 dates: June 5-7 and October 16-18. Approved.
- Raleigh asked to move its fall 2014 sectional to September 26-28 in order to secure a playing site, to be announced later. Approved.
- Sectionals were encouraged to use the free ACBL email service to promote their tournaments by inviting players to attend.
- Again, club managers would like to receive flyers from tournaments to distribute to players in U119 and surrounding areas. Club manager home addresses are needed to facilitate the mailing process.
- The U119 board voted to require directors at U119 sectionals to upload result information to the MABC website nightly. Remind your tournament chairs and directors for this nice service to our members. John Markey volunteered to write a letter to our directors with this reminder.
- The board will continue to monitor other tournaments as to strats (i.e., whether to move the B strat up to 2500 MPs). For now, no changes were recommended.

### **U119 regional matters**

- The U119 Regional flyer has been printed and is available at MABC tournaments. There are events named for major military bases in our unit, armed forces nurses, each city where there is a U119 club, and there are two Junior events named in honor of Bruce Reeve.
- Clubs were encouraged to get take regional flyers to their clubs and local tournaments.
- A proposal was made to recognize current and former members of the military daily and to sing a patriotic song each day. Red, white and blue colors were suggested for the tournament shirts and for any tournament stickers.
- The U119 Regional banner is hanging proudly at the MABC tournaments. In retrospect, the next banner will be larger.
- U119 hospitality and information table will use the same format as in 2012. Raleigh will purchase 7 days of candy. The table will be manned by a different area of the unit each day.
- Audrey Ventura, U119 Regional Chair, reported that logo t-shirts with different bridge teasers will be the registration gifts again in 2014 for the regional. She would also like to purchase 1500 regional stickers, money permitting. A Tarheel foot or a NC state "map" in red, white and blue was discussed. The board asked that she return with a request, if necessary, after an accounting of a need for funds to buy the stickers. She is watching the AM-PM Swiss that was so popular in Charlotte (95 teams) for changes in the playing schedule going forward.
- John Markey wants to reach 3000 tables for the 2014 tournament. The U119 Regional is already the largest in the state.

### **District matters:**

- Board members may suggest future Goodwill nominees at any meeting or send names by email to: Mym Young, Paul Johnson, Ann Pozdol, or Bruce Reeve, with a copy to John Markey.
- The U119 Goodwill Committee nominated Beth Keeney and Louise King for 2014 D7 Goodwill and they were approved by the board.
- The issue of holding STaC weeks on holiday weeks has been addressed and the Tournament Coordinator will strive to avoid these conflicts. Because an eighth regional has been added to the district 7 calendar this will prove a difficult task.

### **MABC matters:**

- Bob White of U119 is the new MABC President.
- Concern at the D7 meeting in Charlotte re: the Reston MABC meeting held without a quorum (short one D7 representative for a quorum). The agenda was filled with controversial items and the agenda was not circulated in advance. Some at the D7 meeting questioned whether the MABC was still in the best interest of D6 and D7.

### **New business:**

- The nominating committee nominated the following officers for 2014-2015: President, John Markey; Vice President, Nancy Thompson; Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Reeve; Recording Secretary, Vivian Woodsum, and they were approved by the board,
- The board appointed Bruce Reeve as Disciplinary Chair. Bruce will select committee members as necessary. There is one case that has been submitted by the ACBL to the unit for review.
- The board voted to increase the amount the Unit provides to youth attending the Youth NABC from \$100 to \$150.
- The theme for 2014: **3000/1500**. 3000 tables at the U119 Regional and 1500 U119

members. We are at 1450 unit members now.

- Think about a Unit 119 holiday party.

2014 meeting dates and locations. TBD. One possibility is for the board to meet during the U119 Regional. If so, the board was in favor of limiting the cost of a meal to something comparable to other meetings.

Meeting adjourned.

Nancy Thompson,  
Recording Secretary