

Unit 119 Board Meeting

Saturday, January 25, 2014

Wilson, North Carolina

The meeting was called to order by President, John Markey, who expressed appreciation for the lunch and playing site.

Introductions were made. Vivian Woodsum was welcomed as Recording Secretary and everyone stated their name and location.

There were 20 people attending.

Minutes from the last meeting in Carthage, North Carolina were approved and seconded.

The financial report was presented by Bruce Reeves and approved.

One of the signers on the account we have now has been dead for ten years. We need to get a copy of the death certificate to take to the credit union in order to get him off the account and put someone else on. It needs to be someone in Raleigh so they can do the checks there. We probably will need corporate authorization. Suggestion was made that John Marriot be appointed and motion was approved and seconded.

Charity Report was given by Paul Johnson who said the games were well attended and \$242.00 was contributed to Goldsboro Soup Kitchen. An additional \$34.00 is expected from Bruce Reeve's club(s). Dates for the next two games will be circulated soon.

John Markey encouraged all clubs to run as many Grand National Teams and North American Pairs qualifiers as possible. The District with the highest table count in NAP qualifiers can earn an additional trip to the national finals.

As to sectionals, all sanctions are in through 2015 with the exception of Greenville in 2015. They are deciding on a date at this point.

Our goal for 2014 and 2015: 1500 unit members and 3000 tables at the U119 Regional.

There is a course to learn bridge in a day that might be investigated.

Concern was expressed re: D7 News ads not being accurate. Bob White said he would talk to the editor.

Audrey Ventura, Regional Tournament Chair, requested \$350 to put toward purchase of stickers. We will attempt to pay for these through excess regional profits (those over \$2000). If profit is insufficient, the unit will pay for them. Audrey also noted that ACBL requires a 2-session open pairs be run opposite a 2-session Gold Rush pairs event. The board voted to add a Saturday morning-Sunday morning open pairs event opposite the Saturday morning-Sunday morning Gold Rush Pairs. We will not reprint flyers, but will announce the new event in the daily bulletin.

John Markey asked for any thoughts about renting a piano for the regional. The cost is about \$800 to \$900. The consensus was to pass on it this time.

The U119 candy table will be monitored by a different area each day. Raleigh will purchase the candy. John Markey will ask areas to choose a day they'd like to serve.

Bruce Reeve showed the board the planned medals and trophies that will be given to winners in the Regional youth games.

The unit will again sponsor donut day on the final day of the Regional.

Our tournament room count is running 65% capacity. Reservations need to be made early.

Bob White reported on the issues between D6, D7 and MABC.

Bruce asked about having a directors' course.

Next meeting will be held at Goldsboro.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.