

Board of Directors Meeting

ACBL Unit 178 (Viking)

May 1, 2025

The meeting was held online via Zoom

Called to order at 4:31 by Sue Sanger

Attending: Sue Sanger, President; Keith Thompson, VP; Jane Schmidt, secretary; Tom Botten; Teri Blu; Marilou Doerrie; Todd Flowerday; Jenny Peterson

Agenda:

1. Minutes of previous meeting (3/30/25).
No comments, corrections, etc. Teri moved to approve, seconded by Tom. Passed 6-1
2. Financial Report.
Accepted
3. Policy of reimbursing Directors for club games cancelled due to Sectional or Regional tournaments in the area
Currently, Unit 178 reimburses, 103 does not. Keith will propose wording to the effect that Club Managers will be reimbursed for games cancelled due to Sectional games, and that games that are held anyways will not award Master Points. This policy respects the clubs.
Todd is checking if ACBL has a policy on the matter.
Discussion was in favor of this policy. Sue moved that the policy be kept, Tom seconded. All approved.
4. Gopher Regional update
Planning is on track, but some help is needed
 - a. Stand-by players for partnership desk, especially IN players. Please recruit.
 - b. Someone to transport the trailer to Marine on Saturday, May 24. There is a \$75 fee for this.
 - c. Volunteers to set up Sunday, May 18 at 2:00
5. Schedule for board meetings
There is no perfect time for everyone. Thursday afternoon works for all except Jane, who is secretary.

Consensus time is Wed at 4:45

6. Update on Sectionals

- a. Aquatennial, July 9-11. Tom: Just doing publicity at this point.
- b. Fall, October. Steve Gaynor (by email) I plan to have two sessions of pair/team games each day, paired by the directors. I will have a standby pair so there are no sit outs. I ask for an option of having 499ers included in the pair/team, have their own, or just have a separate pair game. I can keep table fees at \$12 and still have a positive bottom line with 80% of last year's attendance.

7. Pilot project to pay extra table fees

3-month pilot is coming to and end; Board asks for data.

Keith: Feb was not a good comparison, as it was too soon to get the word out. Mar saw a slight increase in attendance. April data has not yet been analyzed.

Cost for first two months was less than \$400, using all available upgrades.

Minnesota players are doing well in D14 mini-MacKinney.

Tuesday game is growing, with more players from St Paul.

Jane proposed extending the program for 2 more months to give time to collect and analyzed more data. Teri so moved, Tom seconded. Passed, 6-1.

8. Recruiting new directors

Scott has been out for several months, and may only return after the Gopher. This has placed a burden on other directors, particularly Keith.

There are some who would be willing to serve as backups. Mentors for new directors are available.

Keith moved that the Unit reimburse costs of materials and test fees for someone who will direct regularly in Unit 178. Todd seconded; passed 7-1.

All will reach out to persons who may be interested.

Jane will put a blurb in the email newsletter.

Adjourned 5:32

Action Items

Previous Actions were not addressed at the meeting; updates from notes.

	Action	Responsible	Update
1	Contact lapsed members, update online list	All	No update
2	Challenge Match proposal	Todd	Continue
3	Meet with Unit 103 on details of possible merger	Sue, Keith, Todd	On-going

4	Warning about "ACBL" scam in newsletter	Jane	Not yet. ACBL sent email
5	Youth Bridge at GAT workshops	Jenny	complete
6	Investigate Bridge in a Day	Jenny	Decided not to offer it at Gopher this year
7	Update Policy Document	Jane	Complete
8	Policy Document to task force on combining units and blog	Jane	complete
9	Review Unit Bylaws, Unit 103 bylaws, ACBL template bylaws	All	complete
10	Email to advertise no increased table fees	Jane	Complete 3/17
11	Draft questionnaire on table fees	Keith	Pending
12	Recruit new directors	All	
13	Notice in newsletter re: new directors	Jane	