

Unit 178 board meeting minutes, Wednesday, July 20th, 3:15 PM

- All board members present
- Guests: Steve Gaynor, Jean Boettcher, Barb Zipoy, Tony Ames
- A discussion of pre-Aquatennial tournament: Dates to be March 26-28, 2026. Location to be determined
- Minutes approved
- Financial report approved
- Tony Ames
 1. Recommended the sectional tournament at Edina Senior Center, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM
 2. Explanation of fund raiser for summer nationals.
 - All Unit 178 games the week of August 26th to be \$10.00 except at the Fri AM game, each person will be given a raffle ticket.
 - Donation jar for checks to NACB
 - Xtra raffle tickets are \$2.00 or 6 for \$10.00
 - Prize to be to play with an expert with no entry fee.
 - Grand Prize: free play for the rest of the year in Unit 178 games
- Barb Zipoy is bringing cheese, crackers, etc, and arranging for some homemade cookies.
- Suggestion for 2 more fund raisers next year will be appreciated.
- Keith 5-5-5 program
 1. Recruit new members
 2. Retain new members
 3. Continue memberships that lapsed. Apparently, Unit 178 is not retaining most new members.
 4. Suggestion: Unit 178 should pay for the whole year of guest membership up-front. Make sure new members have bridge bulletins.
 5. Janet to contact new members whose memberships have lapsed.
 6. Keith and Todd will meet with Unit 103 to try to resolve combining the units. Either the whole state or the metro combination might be a unit.
 7. Sue mentioned the importance of seeing what the board representation will be like, before we agree to unite.
- A request for volunteers to help the new chat bridge on Fridays starting September 12 from 12:15 to 3:00.
- Voted yes to subsidize extra masterpoint games through the rest of the year. To qualify for the subsidy, the director or representative must announce the special game and give credit to Unit 178 for the subsidy.
- Meeting ended at 4:15 PM