

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of
Western Michigan Unit 195 of the American Contract Bridge League, Inc.,
held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dennis Carman, at 7:04 pm. Along with Dennis Carman and Ruth Subers (outgoing Secretary/Treasurer/Tournament Coordinator), the Board Members present were:

Precinct 1 – Mike Sears, Lynn Larson, Louis Slyker, Allison White
Precinct 2 – Joanne Fiedler, Joanne Molt (Vice-President)
Precinct 3 – Suzanne Baker
Precinct 4 – Bill Northrop

Board Members absent were:

Precinct 2 – Lee Conklin
Precinct 3 – Phil Reynolds
Precinct 4 – Robert Houtrow, Allen Schwenk

Others present were: Steve Reed (candidate for Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Coordinator)

Minutes

Bill Northrop moved to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2023, Unit 195 Board Meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Financial Report

President Carman presented the financial reports. Bill Northrop moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by Louis Slyker, and passed unanimously. Dennis suggested raising table fees for Unit 195 Sectionals to \$15 per person effective July 1, 2024. This will affect the Traverse City Sectional and the Kalamazoo Fall Sectional. Allison White moved to raise the fees. Louis Slyker seconded this. The vote passed with one Director voting No. Dennis noted that STaC subsidies and district dues will be due shortly. Dennis suggested dropping NAP and GNT subsidies but there was no interest.

Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Coordinator Appointment

Dennis announced that Ruth Subers has resigned. He recommended the appointment of Steve Reed to fill Ruth's position as Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Coordinator, effective July 1, 2024. Bill Northrop moved to appoint Steve to the position and Louis Slyker seconded the motion.

President's Report

The ACBL is changing to four flights in GNT and NAP.

Dennis explained the new 5/5/5 ACBL program which is replacing the Dues Reimbursement system. The Unit is encouraged to contact unpaid or lapsed members. The Unit will receive 5% of the reimbursement amount for doing nothing but the full amount for contacting members. Steve Reed is looking into this.

Tournament Scheduling 2024-25

Dennis reported that the Lansing Regional is set for the Royal Scot this year. Dennis hoped that Kalamazoo could host a Regional next year, but Kalamazoo is not interested. Holland is considering hosting the 2026 Regional. Suzanne would like to get through the Lansing Regional before committing to hosting another. We have Traverse City tournament coming up in September and Kalamazoo is hosting another Fall sectional in early November. Dennis noted that we have lost three of the eight sectionals the Unit held in the past.

New Business

Dennis announced that Bob Ondo has become a new director for the ACBL.

The Unit inventory of tables, boards, bridgemates and bidding boxes was discussed. Dennis mentioned that he would like to sell all our equipment.

Board Elections are to be held this year. Dennis stated that the Precincts contain about the same number of members so there should be no change in the number of Directors per Precinct. Steve Reed will be looking into running the elections.

Joanne Molt moved that Ruth Subers be granted free plays to all Unit 195 Tournaments. This was seconded by Bill Northrop.

Adjournment

With no further business to be brought before the Board, Phil Reynolds moved that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was seconded by Joanne Molt, and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Subers.