

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 12 BOARD MEETING

October 22, 2016

The meeting, held at the Ginapolis Restaurant in Farmington Hills, MI, was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by President Subhash Gulati.

Members present:

Subhash (Posh) Gulati, District 12 President

Richard Temkin, Unit 137 President, District 12 Vice-President

Dennis Carman, Unit 195 President, District 12 Director

Diane Bofferding, Unit 200 President

Robert Ciaffone, Unit 200 Tournament Coordinator

Dave Fletcher, Unit 203 President

Paul Pomeroy, Unit 137 Secretary

Susan Bailey-Carman, District 12 Secretary/Treasurer/Tournament Coordinator

Approval of the minutes of June 11, 2016 – Moved by Dennis Carman, Seconded by Richard Temkin that the minutes be approved. Passed unanimously.

President's Report:

President Gulati reported on the “historic agreement” between SOMBA (Unit 203) and MBA (Unit 137). The units met on a regular basis, monthly, regarding a merger. There was good cooperation; and a “road map” was presented, in all sincerity, to combine the units. Members of SOMBA became “uncomfortable” with the agreement and the recommendation to merge did not pass in Unit 203. Among the possible reasons given, it boiled down to “if it’s not broken, don’t fix it”. President Gulati indicated that he was somewhat disappointed and believes that “somewhere down the road” the issue may be revisited. The President reported that the two units now have an “open door” between them, and it took ten years to accomplish this.

Treasurer's Report:

Former District Treasurer, Paul Pomeroy, reported on the June STaC.

Current District Treasurer, Susan Bailey-Carman, reported on the District 12 NAP.

Income & Expenses Report for May 1 – August 31, 2016 was given by Paul Pomeroy.

Income & Expenses Report for September 1 – September 30, 2016 was given by Susan Bailey-Carman.

Committee Reports:

- A. Disciplinary - Dan Marcus, no report
- B. Appellate – Marty Hirschman, no report
- C. Recorder – Mike Crane, no report

- D. Education – Vacant, no report. Bob Ciaffone volunteered to Chair this committee. He reported that Saginaw weekly bridge classes for high school students begin on January 9, 2017, and will continue for 16 weeks. The classes are partly funded through an ACBL Stipend.
- E. Web Site – Mike Curley, no report
- F. Tournament Coordinator – Susan Bailey-Carman. Tournaments in District 12 have been sanctioned to date through 2020. Tournament schedule changes were reported. SOMBA’s “Spooktacular” is having a problem with its venue.
- G. Secretary’s Report – Susan Bailey-Carman, no report

District 12 Director’s Report:

Director Carman referenced his most recent NABC report which was written after the summer Washington, D. C. tournament. A suggest was made, for Dennis to carry forward, about having a regular feature in The Bulletin that gives updates on the league’s computer systems.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- A. Robert Ciaffone requested that “sponsoring” organizations be announced on tournament flyers. (For example: The West Michigan regional being held in Kalamazoo in August should clearly state that the tournament is being held under the auspices of Unit 195, West Michigan.)
- B. Dennis Carman suggested that the next Board meeting be held during the Bay City Regional. He offered this suggestion as the GNT’s and the STaC would be completed, and a report on their attendance and costs could be reported at a BoD meeting held in Bay City. Moved by Dennis Carman, seconded by Diane Bofferding that the next District 12 Board of Directors meeting be held on Sunday, June 11, (the opening day of the Regional). Motion passed with one abstention.
- C. Paul Pomeroy reported that all clubs in District 12 should be able to run at least one Grass Roots game. Diane Bofferding stated that as a new club owner, she knows nothing about the Grass Roots event. Discussion of Grass Roots was held to reinforce the event with Board members and to provide information to Diane Bofferding.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Richard Temkin, seconded by Dave Fletcher. Passed unanimously.