

8:02am Meeting called to order by Judy Parsons, president

Present: Carl Fahnestock, Linda Davidson, Sue Cathcart, Kitty Shorb, Judy Parsons, Gail Burke, Mitch Burke, Ed Scanlon. On phone conference: Michelle Hovis, Ed Magee

MINUTES - Gail Burke - Minutes from the 01/08/2024 board meeting were emailed to all board members and officers, moved to accept

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ed Magee - emailed financials to board member prior to this meeting

- Club is operating in the black expenses vs income
  - Question on what else can the club do to increase income, Ed's response: need more turn out for all games
  - Ed stopped at the accountant's office to check status of 2022 taxes - not done yet - missed tax date in April 2023 due to IRS requiring the change from filing on paper to only filing on-line and no one found to do that in 2023. Taxes for 2023 also need to be filed on-line
  - Investment in Janney Account - very little increase in value compared to initial monetary input to account, question if need a new investment strategy? No one identified to investigate this except possibly John Freet. Board decision to not make any changes at this time
  - No new input on possible buildings to purchase for the club, Ike not present at this meeting - considering amount of money in Janney account that can be used for a building, the club would still have to obtain a mortgage to purchase a building, plus all the expenses of maintenance and operation of the club games and events. Final decision that the idea to purchase be tabled as not feasible at this time.
  - Advent Church- renting space there is still an option for classes and games in the evening, possible future location for the club - needs to be investigated with the Church staff.
- Ed Scanlon stated he planned to set up his visit to this space.

Move to accept Treasurer's report by Kitty Shorb, second by Carl Fahnestock, all voted to accept

OLD BUSINESS - Membership Booklet corrections are completed, ready to send out list of corrections

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT - Ed Scanlon -

- Need to promote next Beginner Easy Bridge Program, starting on Thursday morning 4/4/2024. Flyers on front desk to be distributed in the community by board and club members, 3 signed up so far

- Next Workshop on "Competitive Bidding" set for April, 4 consecutive Tuesday mornings - Ed Scanlon has almost completed the program contents and will soon announce information and dates when

finished

- Mystery Swiss scheduled for Thursday 3/21 - discussion whether to continue as Mystery Swiss teams or start players setting up their own teams. Decided this game as been successful and should

continue as mystery teams for the goal of newer/less skilled players participating in the game, Ed Scanlon sets up teams. Tentative schedule for April Mystery Swiss on 4/18 or possibly 4/25.

- Ed to check for ACBL's schedule of weeks with enhanced points to coordinate with the club's special events.

#### NEW BUSINESS -

- Continue Special Event parties every other month, no problems identified when the club has scheduled the Mystery Swiss game and a Special Event party game on consecutive days

- Board agreed for the next board meeting in 2 months. If any new issues come up beforehand, these can be handled by mass email with all board members. Also

consider doing the meeting as a Zoom meeting for potential increased involvement of all board members

- Need to start planning for slate of nominees to vote on at the next General Meeting in October. Slate has to be presented to the membership in August. VP, Linda Davidson chairs the nominating committee,

Kitty Shorb will assist, a third person would be beneficial on the committee. Ed Magee and Gail Burke had updated board members and expiration dates last year, need to update again for this year's slate.

#### NO OTHER NEW BUSINESS

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Monday 5/6/2024 at 8:00am. Judy to send out email to board members proposing possible change to Fridays at 12:30pm

8:47am Move to adjourn this meeting, approved

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