

Minutes May 20th, 2017

Attending. Scott McIntyre, Thom Pigaga, Kathy Lippold, Rick Ackermann, Tim McCollough, Larry Kronick, Cookie Hoberman, Carol Miller.

Scott reported on Awards banquet. It went very well. It was suggested that in the future we bill it as an Awards and Appreciation event. Emphasis on the fun bridge aspect of the event. The pizza served had mixed reports

Rick reported that the NLM (Non Life Masters ) tournament to be held July 15th and 16th is under control. Rick asked for people to talk about the event at their respective games as the event gets closer. Thom suggested volunteers needed for set up and take down and Rick and Larry volunteered.

Cookie reported that she has sent out 40,000 emails with fliers to units so far advertising the Regional. She is encouraged by the response so far. She reported that our schedule is hard to read and that will be changed. She said it has been suggested that our caddies wear something identifiable. They may wear red hats; the Directors may also wear something identifying them. Rick reported that documents have been signed and deposits made for the regional. In 2018 the Regional will be held beginning October 22nd.

Scott shared a list of charities that benefit from Acbl in all districts. ACBL has scheduled a Stac week on the longest day for District 14 so we will not have our longest day benefiting the Alzheimers association.

In a related matter, the ACBL gives each district monies to distribute to local charities. This is rotated among all Districts such that it comes around every four years. If we don't designate we will lose the money. Cookie moved that we choose The Alzheimer's Association as our charity, everyone agreed, Rick abstained.

Rick reported that we pay for President of ACBL to stay here during tournament and we pay for food that is served to volunteers. Cookie reported that this helps with our food allotments at Mid America.

Rick reported that there was a late regional expense that was overlooked we owe Sharon (DISTRICT 14) \$1800.00 which \$1.00 per table we owe the district.

Rick questions what we get from district. Scott said he would follow up that question with an email to Sharon (DISTRICT 14)

Regional profit 2016	\$1884.00
All events profit 2016	\$1,249.00

Dealer 4 issues have happened and it is out of commission and has been sent for repair. Dealer 4 can take cards that are bar coded and cards that are not. It will not take dirty cards. When the machine returns there will be a required 15 -30 minute tutoring session for those using the machine. There will be a lot of do's and don't's for the dealer 4.

Carol suggested that we offer mentoring to the Friday morning session. Larry volunteered to help. New mentors, who may not be as experienced as mentors in the past, will be recruited. This new mentoring program will begin in the fall.

Thom reported that we are down in our numbers 6%. In new memberships we are ninth out of nine. Our average age is 72. We questioned how to attract new members. The answer often comes back to our lack of automatic scoring being used in most other units. We agreed to gather info and make an appeal to the club owner.

Kathy Lippold reported that there will be coffee, donuts and rolls at the fall sectional.

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 22 at 10:00. The meeting will be held again at Cookie's Condo.

Meeting adjourned.