

MINUTES OF THE GMBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2011
BEST WESTERN HOTEL
MILWAUKEE, WI

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by President, John Pereles. The following members were in attendance:

Marlene Backus	Tobey Belmont	Irene Bolton
Wes Burzynski	Maxine Cohn	Jerry Duckler
Norm Heinitz	Janet Holmes	Henry Kensler
Yvette Neary	John Pereles	David Spicuzza
Peter Wilke	Nancy Wilkinson	

Kathy Lucas, Ron Cohn and Michael Fehrenbach also attended.

The minutes of the October 1st meeting were presented and approved with previously stated corrections. Jerry Duckler made a motion to accept the minutes and Tobey Belmont seconded the motion.

The treasurer's Report was presented. There is a balance of \$20,000 in the bank. Treasurer, Norm Heinitz handed out the Fallfest Expense Statement comparing 2010 and 2011.

John asked that our reports be sent out ahead of the meeting for the board to study before the meeting.

The first topic of the meeting was the Split Regional. John had sent out a Regional Comparison showing the comparison between the Grand Geneva and the Wyndham. The holiday tournament in 2014 is still under contract with the Grand Geneva. A discussion as to opting out of the 2014 contract ensued. 2015 is also being discussed. We discussed the problems of setting up contracts for 2014 and 2015. It was brought up that we might need district approval for these tournaments. It was decided that it might be to our advantage to opt out of this 2014 contract with the possibility of re-entering into negotiations if we choose.

Peter Wilke explained that Harris has the dates of August 19th to 25th in 2013. This can't be changed. The possible dates open for us could be 18th to 24th in August of 2014. That is a completely free week for our regional. We must attempt to change these dates with diplomacy. John asked for a motion regarding 2014. Our first choice

would be a split regional, early February 2013 could be another choice, or opting out might be our best choice.

Yvette Neary made a motion to opt out of the 2014 contract with Grand Geneva immediately. Maxine Cohn seconded the motion. A discussion followed. John Pereles made a friendly amendment to change the word immediately to January 15th to allow time to carefully consider his response. This was accepted and a vote was taken. The vote was 10 to 3, (3 abstained) in favor of this motion and amendment.

John began the discussion of Sectional Tournament Free Passes. He commended Nancy Wilkinson and Kathy Lucas on the way they ran this tournament. The free passes were meant for distribution to encourage attendance. John felt there were issues with the distribution of the free pass program, the number of free passes distributed to club managers, who could actually use the free pass and the potential huge revenue loss the program would cost the unit. This idea, although refreshing, should be refined. John sent a memo to club managers and the board to stop this distribution. Some discussion followed regarding a buy one, get one free policy. Something this important must be approved by the board. Peter felt this is a new policy to disallow directors of tournaments complete autonomy in regard to running their tournament. John felt the by-laws state clearly that this was beyond the scope of their authority and a program of this magnitude that could affect the profit/loss of the tournament by at least \$500 must be approved by the board. Peter felt this is a definite change in the way we run tournaments. Tobey felt that as a board we cannot send tickets or any other amenity to some of the clubs and not others. She felt it was discrimination. Nancy Wilkinson said she did not know about this policy. Tobey explained that the by-laws include a section to correct this problem by not allowing a tournament chairman to spend more than \$500.00 without getting permission from the board.

Maxine Cohn suggested that a list of rules for tournament chairman should be handed out to all tournament chairman and especially new people. John was going to check with John Stimson on this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by a motion from Yvette Neary and seconded by David Spicuzza.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Cohn, Responding Secretary

