

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
HILTON GARDEN INN
Greater Milwaukee Bridge Association - Unit 222
FINALS AND UNIT DINNER
March 3, 2013

The following board members were in attendance:

Marlene Backus	Judy Burzynski	Wes Burzynski
Jerry Duckler	Ron Gould	Norm Heinitz
Kathy Karolewicz	Henry Kensler	Jan Litscher
Meredith Mattison	Sharon May	Yvette Neary
Sandy Palmer	John Pereles	Vicki Sosnay
David Spicuzza	Peter Wilke	

... as well as approximately 70 other unit members.

Master of Ceremonies Steve Picus welcomed everyone and then introduced President John Pereles, who called the annual meeting to order.

John first reviewed all the information concerning the 2014 Unit Regional Tournament and the actions taken by the Unit 222 Board and the District 13 Board. He pointed out that at the February 8, 2013 Unit Board meeting the board voted unanimously to hold the 2014 regional at The Crown Plaza in August.

The 2015 split regional was also discussed at the February unit board meeting, and John relayed the types of issues that are being considered. Nothing has been finalized at this time.

John then read the names of the retired directors from the previous board and asked them to stand if they were in attendance. Next, he introduced the current board members and also asked them to stand.

Sandy Palmer presented the treasurer's report and stated that 2012 was a very good year, primarily due to the \$6,100 profit made at the regional. We have about \$29,000 in our checking account at present. A motion was made by Bob Van Eerden to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Carol Hammond. The motion passed.

New Business

Our by-laws state that the Administrative Secretary must be a board member. Peter Wilke is the current Administrative Secretary, but he cannot vote on any unit board issues because he is an employee of the ACBL.

At the December 27, 2012 unit board meeting a motion was made to amend the by-law so that the Administrative Secretary may, but does not have to be a member of the Board of Directors. That motion was unanimously approved by the board at that meeting.

By-law changes must be ratified by the membership so John opened the floor to discuss the matter. After a brief discussion, Kathy Karolewicz made a motion to approve the by-law change and Nancy Burke seconded. The motion passed.

On another matter, Rick Murray questioned the procedure used this past year for advising Unit members about the upcoming board elections. Rick wanted to know why the procedure of Unit members being sent written notification of board openings was not followed. John said that he was unaware of the requirements and would work to make sure the correct procedures are followed in the future.

Awards Presentation

Awards for rank advancements and other accomplishments were given. The Winnie Lawrie Service Award was given to Peter Wilke. The Judith Schudson Goodwill Award was given to Jenny Musson, and the Bernice Larson Lifetime Achievement Award went to Steve Picus.

Memorials

Richard Krueger read the names of members who passed away since the last meeting and extended condolences from the unit.

Closing

John said that our next annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 23, 2014. He asked co-chairs Richard and Tom Krueger to look for suitable sites in Racine County or southeastern Milwaukee County.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter Jones and seconded by Jerry Duckler. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Meredith Mattison

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