

**DATE/PLACE:**       **January 10, 2010, O'Malley's Restaurant**

**PRESENT:** Mary Bennett [P], Bob Chekaluk [P], Michael Crane [P], Posh Gulati [P], Jane Hall [P], Gail Hanson [E], Steve Jacob [P], Harry Jagtiani [P], Barbara Jur [P], Thomas Keenan [E], Ginny Poulter [P], Jack Shartsis [E], Henry Shevitz [E], Marianne Varion [P], Vickie Vallone [P]

**GUESTS:** None

**AGENDA: SEE ATTACHED**

- 1) **Posh called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM.** He asked Barbara Jur, Vice-President, to conduct Elections of the officers as the first order of business.

**Election of officers:** Barbara requested nominations for the position of President. Bob nominated Posh, with support from Mary. There were no further nominations, and the board voted unanimously to approve this nomination.

Barbara requested that Posh take over at this point. Barbara Jur, Jane Hall and Tom Keenan were elected to fill the offices of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, without any opposition.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Posh distributed copies of the 10/11/09 board minutes. Following a brief review, Barbara made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Bob and unanimously approved by the board.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** Tom K. was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Posh reviewed the last annual report as no current report was available. Posh stated that the current bottom line is approximately \$5000,00 less than that reflected on the annual report, due primarily to the following: Subsidizing the Spooktacular (\$700.00), subsidizing entry fees for Friday and Saturday sessions at November tournament (\$2,300), hospitality and lower attendance, purchasing 14 youth ACBL memberships for high school students and storage rental fees. Barbara made a motion to accept the report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve. Board approved the motion.
- 4) **Past Tournaments:** Big "Thank You" to Gail, Beverly and all the volunteers who made the Spooktacular a giant success. This was a very popular event! Although the Spooktacular showed loses due to "first time" organizational problems (getting fliers out in time, ordering too much food/supplies, etc.) - it is clearly a Winner.

The Apple Cider Tournament lost \$2,700.00, mostly due to increased costs (5-7% increase in buying supplies from tournament director), and subsidized entry fees to 2<sup>nd</sup> session events on Friday and Saturday. This loss also includes the cost of 14 youth memberships purchased by SOMBA. However, there were NO complaints about hospitality! The hospitality team (Bob, Ginny, Jim, Marian, ???) worked like a well oiled machine.

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### 5) Upcoming Tournaments/Events:

The **Wolverine Regional** is scheduled for May 10 – 16, 2010. Schedule of events will remain the same as 2009, with the following changes:

- On Saturday, players will have a choice of side games or compact knock-outs. If players are knocked-out, they can play in a side game.
- Mike made a motion to change the time for the Saturday evening session from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., seconded by Steve. Four members voted in favor of this motion, five against. Motion denied.
- Following some discussion, Barbara made a motion to change the 0 – 200 section to 0 – 299 with the following stratifications: 0 – 20, 1 – 100, 0 – 199, and 0 – 299. Motion seconded by Bob, and passed by the board

Posh to check with Henry to confirm that host hotel information has been updated.

The **Spooktacular** has been approved for 2010 – October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Posh to check that site has been reserved for those dates.

**GNT** are scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow

**NAP:** SOMBA will continue to support the bridge clubs.

The “**Trophy Races**” work was finished early this year by ACBL’s data department for a very small fee. Results will be published in the upcoming Echo. Awards will be presented at the Valentine Sectional.

**Ace of Club** and **Mini McKinney** awards will be presented at the Wolverine Regional.

### 6) District Reports: No news reported at meeting. The following information was submitted after the meeting:

- Bill Arlinghaus will run for ACBL Presidency in 2011.
- The USBF Senior and Women’s Team trials will be held at the RenCen in Detroit in Jun of 2011.

### 7) Old/New Business.

- We need a person with a van to pick-up and return supplies to the storage unit for future tournaments.

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- At the last board meeting, the board requested that Posh ask the tournament directors for the Apple Cider Sectional to score one session at the tournament two ways – by section and across the field. The tournament director declined this request, stating that he had done that before and didn't want to do it again. Decision made to approach directors of Wolverine Tournament with this request.
- Revised schedule for Regional will be posted in Echo.
- Following some discussion, Mary made a motion to nominate Connie Dugger for this year's Goodwill Award. Seconded by Ginny, approved by the board. Barbara will get a plaque for her.
- Elections are coming! Terms of 8 current board members will be expiring this year: Posh, Tom, Mary, Bob, Mike, Harry Jack, and Marian. Those interested in running for the board again should submit their names to Barbara. All board members were also asked to submit names of SOMBA members who might be interested in running for the board.
- Discussion regarding Ron Horowitz getting free plays at tournaments. Barbara to check at next district meeting to see if motion regarding this matter was passed.
- The Echo is now being posted on the web. Any errors found in the Echo will be corrected on the website. Harry volunteered to edit articles submitted for the Echo [and website](#).
- Editorial positions for Echo are good for one year. If your name is listed in the first issue of the year, you are on the editorial staff for that year.
- Tom has repeatedly asked for additional help with the Treasurer's duties. He has given Bob and Posh a list of tasks that he currently performs as treasurer, and stated that he is willing to train a new person. Following some discussion, board members submitted two names as possibilities to Assistant Treasurer: Fred Vale and Jerry Hasenjager.
- Vickie agreed to be Publicity Chair.
- Bill has reconstructed the SOMBA website. There is now room for more news, pictures, articles, etc. Need volunteers to serve as writers and reporters.
- Discussion regarding 5 – 7% increase in inventory fees for tournament supplies. SOMBA currently buys bridge supplies from the tournament director. The Unit used to keep left over convention cards, score slips, etc. and distribute them to bridge clubs. Now the tournament director is keeping left over supplies and not reimbursing the Unit for those items. Posh to check into this matter. May be cheaper to buy our own supplies from another source.

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- Board members expressed sincere wishes for Tom's speedy recovery.

**8) Correspondence: N/A**

**9) Next Meeting: April 18**

**Meeting adjourned: 2:11 p.m.**