

## SOMBA Board Meeting

**DATE/PLACE:** January 13, 2013, Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills Hotel

### **PRESENT:**

Current/New Board Members: Betty Andersen [P], Mary Bennett [P], Carol Diebold [P], Dave Fletcher [P], Bill Goodman [P], Posh Gulati [P], Jane Hall [P], Jerome Hasenjager , Bill Landrum [P], Marilyn Lindow [P], Scott Miller [P], Jim Phillips [E], Satish Shah [P ], Kathy Twomey [P] Marianne Varion [P]

Outgoing Board Members: Gail Hanson [E], Steven Jacob [E], Barbara Jur [P], Ginny Poulter [P], Henry Shevitz [E]

Guests: Bob Chekaluk and Jim Reed

### **AGENDA: SEE ATTACHED**

1. **Posh called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.** He asked Bob Chekaluk to conduct elections of the officers as the first order of business.
2. **Election of officers:** Bob requested nominations for the position of President. Jane nominated Posh, seconded by Kathy. There were no further nominations, and the board voted unanimously to approve this nomination.

Bob requested that Posh take over at this point. Scott Miller, Jane Hall and Jerry Hasenjager were elected to fill the offices of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, without any opposition.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Posh distributed copies of the last board meeting minutes. After review and discussion, Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Kathy and unanimously approved by the board.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry distributed and reviewed a profit and loss statement for SOMBA, covering October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, and a current Balance Sheet. He noted that the Unit basically "broke even" over the past year despite additional expenditures made for the Golden Jubilee celebrating SOMBA's 50th birthday. Some factors balancing the additional expenditures were lower director costs at the Spooktacular and better containment of food costs at all the tournaments. The net income for last year was \$445.91, with a couple of minor expenses are still outstanding. Jerry also reported that the rent at the Costick Center will be going up 20% this year, and that attendance at tournaments has been declining over the past few years. Marilyn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. This motion was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved by the board.
5. **Past Tournaments:** Spooktacular – This tournament remains a very popular event for the 0 – 299ers. Attendance was up a little (8 tables) from the previous year. Lots of kudos for hospitality, pictures, registration gifts, etc. Marilyn and

Kathy, co-chairs, did a great job organizing the Tournament, and the volunteers were outstanding. Linda Columbia, first time director for this tournament, interacted extremely well with the new players. There were minor glitches with scoring and processing reports for the ACBL, but none of these issues interfered with the smooth running of the tournament. SOMBA made a net profit of \$1,126.68 on this tournament.

Dates and site approvals for the Spooktacular are in place for 2013. Marilyn and Kathy will continue as the co-chairs for the next Spooktacular.

Apple Cider –Table count was down for this tournament (291 tables). The tournament ran smoothly, despite a minor glitch with the coffee. (Coffee urns were plugged into the wrong outlets and the coffee wasn't ready at the start of the tournament.) There was also some discussion about the use of the kitchen area at the Costick center. These issues will have to be addressed before the next tournament.

An extra director was hired by Candy, Tournament Director, without prior approval, putting Posh in an embarrassing position. This issue will also have to be addressed. The directors were not happy that the Unit did not provide scoring pads. (Played only 24 boards as additional set [table for each section] could not be duplicated.)

Room rental costs are going up 20% this year. With decreasing table counts, this presents a problem. The Board is looking into other possible locations for tournaments.

#### **6. Upcoming Tournaments/Events:**

A. The Valentine Sectional is scheduled for February. Dates and site are all set. The starting time for the Saturday morning event is 10:00 a.m. NOTE: MBA has now changed its tournament starting time on Saturday mornings to 10:00.).

Posh asked Marilyn to submit a list of names for volunteers manning the Registration Table and the Partnership/Int and Nov Desk. Carol will oversee Hospitality with help from Ginny. Posh will contact Mike C. about the lecture schedule. Marilyn Merdler will check with Fred to see if he's available for the tournament.

Ed Anthony has expressed an interest in being tournament director. Posh will discuss possibilities with him.

Marianne V. will continue as the co-chair for the Valentine Sectional.

B. The Unit has received approval to hold another Sectional. The plan is to hold a Springtacular tournament for 0 – 299er – hopefully on the east side. The dates for this tournament will be April 26th and 27th. Locations under

consideration are St. Paul's Church, the Troy Civic Center and the Unitarian Church. Jane and Dave to check into locations.

C. May Regional still needs a lot of work. The increase in rent at the Costick Center is the biggest problem. Jerry and Scott agreed to meet with the management at Costick Center regarding rent issues.

Bob explored the possibility of holding the Regional at the Troy Civic Center, and presented his findings to the board. While the room costs would be lower, there are issues involving food service (kitchen) that need to be resolved. There may be a City Ordinance prohibiting use of the kitchen area. Posh will contact the management at the Center to try to resolve these issues. A decision regarding the location of the May regional needs to be made in the next couple of weeks. Any agreement with the Civic Center should be put in writing.

Posh will contact Mike C. about the lecture schedule.

Ads need to be posted on BBO, flyers completed.

GNT: Details are on the District website.

NAP: SOMBA will no longer be subsidizing NAP games. The Club Appreciation Program (CAP) will focus on recruitment of new members/players this year.

STAC games for District 12 are scheduled for the first week in April (4/1 – 4/7).

Trophy Races: Awards will be presented at the Valentine Sectional.

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

7. **District Reports:** N/A

8. **Old/New Business.**

- Barbara Jur has been selected as this year's Goodwill Award recipient.

- Jim Reed updated the Board on the status of "Learn Bridge in a Day". This event will be held at the Bridge Connection on March 3rd, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. Jim reported that the ACBL will reimburse 75% of advertising fees for approved ads, up to a maximum of \$750.00. However, the Unit must pay up-front advertising costs and be reimbursed by ACBL. Jim also stated that the ads/pamphlets had received pre-approval from the ACBL and requested funds to pay for the ads. The board agreed to provide a maximum of \$1,200.00 for advertising fees relating to this project.

- The board discussed concerns relating to membership. The number of active members is declining. There needs to be more follow-up with players not renewing their ACBL memberships. Mary, Dave, and Ginny agreed to form a committee to address this concern and provide feed-back at the next board meeting.

- Jane requested a loan of 40 bidding boxes for a sanctioned game she will be directing in St. Clair Shores. This request was approved by the board.

- Committee assignments: Bob C. – Tournament Coordinator; Marianne V. – Assistant Tournament Chair; Mike C. – Recorder; Posh G. – Business Manager; Henry Shevitz –Discipline; Satish S. – Publicity/Education; Marilyn L. and Kathy T. – Intermediate/Novice;Posh Gulati – Charity; Carol D. – Hospitality; Bill Landrum – Web Page Coordinator (technical); Al Tushman – Web Page Coordinator (non-technical); Mary B. and Dave F– Membership; Bob Chekaluk/Bill G. – Electronic Contact; Mike C. – Recorder; Betty Andersen - NAP, GNT, STAC Coordinator; Marilyn L. – Trophies.

- Posh distributed “Personal Information Sheets” to each board member. All members are encouraged to provide biographical information and to document what they have done for the board and the Unit. These forms will provide historical data for future board members.

9. **Correspondence:** N/A

10. **Next Meeting:** Unitarian Church, March 24, 2013

Meeting adjourned: 2:35 p.m.