

SOMBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 4/6/14

The meeting was called to order at 11AM.

Present: Posh Gulati/Scott Miller/Jerry Hasenjager/Dave Fletcher/Jane Hall/Bill Landrum/Marilyn Lindow/Jim Phillips/Carol Diebold/Satish Shah

Absent: Kathy Twomey/Mary Bennett/Bill Goodman/Betty Andersen/Marianne Varion

Guest: Marty Hirshman- MBA President

Agenda: The agenda was presented- a motion was made to accept /seconded / and approved unanimously.

Minutes of last meeting-1/12/14- a typo was pointed out for correction, A motion was made to accept the minutes/seconded and approved unanimously.

Introduction of guest Marty Hirshman by Posh- his comments

- Posh attended MBA February meeting and was very welcome

- MBA sectionals will be held at new BRIDGE CONNECTION location per our new SOMBA/MBA agreement.

- looking forward to working together for the future

Marty comments

- sees nothing but a good relationship going forward

- has no agenda but promoting bridge in our area

- thanked the board for the approval of the new BC location for MBA sectionals

- the new SOMBA/MBA relationship is all for the good of bridge

Treasurer Report (Jerry)

- February cost sheet was presented- discussion ensued about food cost and caddie costs which will be addressed in future tournaments. Ie all reimbursements will be done via invoices thru Jerry.The tournament director will not make cash disbursements. Food service and caddie help will be managed separately.

- BRIDGEMATE fee collection summary was shared- Collection of \$304.25 to date.

- BALANCE SHEET AND PROFIT AND LOSS sheets were reviewed noting major expense for BRIDGEMATE EQUIPMENT.

-A motion was made to accept the treasure's report/seconded and approved unanimously.

Online Directory (Bill L)

- acbl has guidelines to follow
- privacy issues must be considered
- co-committee to continue to persue

June Joint Sectional

- date is june19 thru june 22
- a proposed flyer was shared and discussed
- concern that new BC lease has not been signed (has since been signed and MBA has contract for future sectionals)

Committee Reports

-Bridgemates(Dave for Kathy)

- 50 BM/2 servers/2 carry cases have been purchased
- clubs have been contacted for interest in use
- 5 clubs are currently using and paying fees
- an extra server and maybe some BMs maybe needed- we will wait to see the summer attendance before buying extra BM equipment
- a motion was made that the Bridgemate fund be credited at the rate of \$.50 per Bridgemate used at our tournaments, seconded and approved unanimously.

-Membership(Dave)

-a spread sheet was passed out showing a membership of 1051, an increase of 13 for the year(mostly returning snowbirds)

- postcards sent to new inactives have been discontinued due to poor(no) response

-Storage

- rent has increased to \$69 from \$65 monthly
- no one has been found for a new storage chairman
- Dave volunteers for storage maintenance and inventories

-it was agreed that future tournament chairperson be responsible for coordinating storage pickup/drop off /setup/teardown- Dave to provide Satish with some ideas as to how to break up the responsibilities.

-Hospitality (Carol)

- it was reported that the lunch sandwiches are very hard to estimate the quantity needed and feedback was mixed

-Carol was commended on the fine job she is doing and all recognized how thankless a task it is

-NAP

-no formal report

-was mentioned that SOMBA/MBA may want to standardize support given to members going to nationals

-Goodwill

-Dick Perna award was received

-LBIAD (Scott)

-turning over future sessions to Mike McGaw

-latest Ann Arbor session in February had 60 attendees and was a break even venture

-Website (Bill L)

-a new writer is needed-perhaps a future board member may have the talent

-Publicity(no chairperson)

-need a new volunteer to handle publicity

-By-laws (Bill L)

-review has begun

- there was question if the last update had ever been approved by the membership. Research showed the last update was presented in the Sept 2008 ECHO on p.3 and a ballot provided on p.13. The Feb2009 Echo states the amendments were approved on p.6.

Past Tournaments

-Valentine Sectional- many good comments- fast results was a success /need to look into possibility of using partnership signup- people liked hand sanitizer-food

expense per participant was on target- table count was slightly up despite bad weather and the holiday on Friday night. New Thursday morning schedule was marginal success-do not recommend for the future. Food/caddie management should be handled separate in the future.

Upcoming Tournaments

-Wolverine in May- all seems set- extra comments 1. make sure to have fast results 2. How is photography being handled? 3. If 3 bulletins are the best days to publish tues/thur/sat or weds/fri/sun?

-NAP- no payment this year again

-Spooktacular (Oct 24/25)-flyer was reviewed and Marilyn noted suggestions

-2014 Apple Cider (Nov 6-9)-flyer was reviewed – recommendations for lunch availability and events were discussed. Jane volunteered to head up a group to review plausibility of strati-flighted versus stratified swiss and any other changes to the events that might attract more average players.

District/Unit Reports- none

New Business

-need to be on the lookout for potential new board members to run in Fall elections

Next Meeting

-TBD Aug 3 or Aug 10 proposed

meeting adjourned at 1:41PM