

## **SOMBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1/11/15—REV 3/30/15**

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am.

Present: Posh Gulati/Scott Miller/Dave Fletcher/ Jane Hall/Bill Landrum/Marilyn Lindow/Satish Shah/ Kathy Twomey/Carol Diebold/Deepak Dighe/Lynn Root

Absent: Betty Andersen/Jerry Hasenjager/Jim Phillips /Bill Goodman

Guests: bob Chekaluk/ Dave Buskirk

Posh gave an update that Jerry had had some foot surgery and was home and on the mend but expecting several weeks of home rest followed by some physical therapy. We all wish Jerry a speedy recovery.

Thanks were extended to Marianne Varion and Mary Bennett for a combined 37+ years of service.

Our new board members Lynn Root and Deepak Dighe were introduced and each took the opportunity to tell us a bit about themselves.

### **ELECTIONS**

Control of the meeting was passed to bob Chekaluk to conduct our annual elections. Bob explained that he had received 2 proxy votes and the bylaws had no language to exclude. Bob then read an email from Posh announcing that he had decided at his wife's urging not to run for reelection as president. The board members took the opportunity to thank Posh for his many years as president. Posh gratefully thanked the board (past and present members) for all their support throughout the years.

Dave fletcher was nominated/seconded and unanimously elected as president for 2015. Dave thanked the board for their confidence and welcomed Posh to his new office of chairman of the board and his intention to have Posh continue as a voting member of the executive committee making the committee 5 strong.

Bob continued with the election of vice president where both Kathy Twomey and Satish Shah were nominated and seconded. Both candidates expounded on their background and interest in continuing to serve the board however possible. A closed ballot vote was taken with Kathy being elected with a majority of the cast votes.

Jerry Hasenjager was then nominated/seconded and unanimously elected as treasurer. He had previously advised Posh that he would be glad to serve if nominated.

Satish Shah was nominated/seconded and unanimously elected as secretary.

It was then announced that traditionally the outgoing officers finished conducting the meeting to maintain a smooth flow which was discussed and agreed to at the executive meeting. Therefore Posh continued with agenda items.

## SECRETARY REPORT

The secretary report was accepted as written with a motion/second and unanimous vote.

## TREASURER REPORT

Posh provided copies of Jerry's treasurer's report. The Bridgemate fees spreadsheet, the 10/13-9/14 P&L and balance sheet were all accepted as presented. It was requested, however, that November sectional spread sheet break out the costs of the Dave Buskirk celebration income/expenses versus the actual game play. (Of the \$25 paid for the Wed. night, \$15 was for dinner and \$10 was game play.) This would also drive separate line items for the 10/14-9/15 P&L. A year to year spreadsheet like the one provided for the November sectional was also requested for the Spooktacular or at least the detail behind the line items 85 and 73 shown on the presented 10/14-9/15 P&L.

Other financial issues.

Do we need an audit? There will be another audit later in the year

Is there a balance line limit for non-profit organization? We are ok at the moment

We are a 501C4 organization.

There were some tax return issues caused by the IRS—our CPA has resolved them. These pertain to year 2012 and prior. Posh is awaiting for a letter from the IRS.

## **MBA-POSH**

New MBA president Kurt Dasher was unable to attend, however each organization will continue giving an invite to board meetings as well as share ideas (ex: LBIAD). All efforts will be made to continue the current positive relationship. It was suggested that perhaps their president could be invited a half hour after meeting start time to cover any sensitive agenda items.

The proposed flyer for June MBA/SOMBA sectional was presented. Changes included making 0-500 events 0-300, adding Bill Goodman at partnership desk, and Marilyn Lindow at newcomer desk.

## **Online directory update**

Almost ready to go online. About 500 of 2000 members will be included. Suggested form be posted on SOMBA website.

#### **BRIDGEMATES-KATHY**

The committee was given the direction to order 25 Bridgemates/1 server/1 storage case. Once they are received a training software update meeting for directors will be held.

#### **MEMBERSHIP-DAVE**

A spreadsheet showing all activity had been made available by email. We had 110 new members during the year.

#### **STORAGE-SATISH**

The inventory is incomplete due to items being stored at members' homes. All such items should be reported to Satish

Tournament items will be updated on the inventory prior to tournament to help buying guidelines.

#### **HOSPITALITY- SATISH**

We need a constant presence to advise food handler—will put together a schedule of chairmen and managers.

Kathy and Jane offered to help Carol with procurement.

#### **NAP-POSH**

Board agreed to cover the extra charge at one game per club for 2015.

#### **GOODWILL**

Both Marianne Varion and Mary Bennett will be recognized at the regional

#### **CHARITY**

ACBL has not sent out funds

#### **SPRINGTACULAR-MARILYN**

Saturday Swiss event starts at 10am following lecture at 9:30. Cost for that event will be \$92 per team. Flyer was approved with these changes.

#### **LBIAD- POSH**

Mike McGaw has developed LBI5H (learn bridge in 5 hours) and will be giving the first class on 2/8/15.

#### **WEB-BILL**

Look this coming week for 2014 board minutes and updates to board member contact info.

### **PAST TOURNAMENTS**

Spook very successful

Apple cider very successful

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

Valentine- Dave and Satish to discuss open issues

May Regional—need to finalize schedule and should include a knock out with 2 sessions Monday and 2 Tuesday. Dave and Satish will address.

### **DISTRICT 12 UPDATE- POSH**

Posh indicated that a synopsis of the District 12 Board will be published on District 12 website.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Had successful celebration for SOMBA DIRECTOR EMERITUS Dave Buskirk—an album with pictures is still in progress.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Bridge connection needs 25 tables of bidding boxes and clips. They will be ordered and provided but remain SOMBA assets.

Dave Fletcher spent several minutes discussing his empowerment management style and his hope for a great 2015. He also noted he will be appointing a MBA liaison officer. (Posh has since been appointed)

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Will likely be March 22 or 29

Meeting was adjourned at 1:27