

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2017

Members present: Glenda Gerraputa, Ed Rauch, Bob Buchner, Jill Pennington, Barbara Warburton, Joan Gasparro, Vicki Cobb, Harold Buchman, Judy Baresh, Ursula Mayer, Shelly Salvi.

Minutes of the November 17, 2016 were read and accepted.

Rich Waugh delivered the manager's report. He reports that the \$1 increase in game fee is accepted by players. Rich reports that he has expanded our email list to include previous members and members of the new classes being taught at the club. He advises that the parking stickers have arrived and are being placed on vehicles that are parking in our lots overnight without authorization.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Rauch that we had cash on hand as of November 30, 2016 was \$13,576.12 which included \$4340.00 received in the building fund. On December 31, 2016 our cash on hand was \$16,341.09 which included \$3,120.00 received in December for the building fund. Cash on hand as of January 19, 2017 is \$21,214.00. The board discussed the pros and cons of keeping our sales tax number as we are a non-profit organization and are generally tax exempt. It was decided to keep the number for the time being.

Old Business: With all the new classes starting, the subject of teacher compensation was again discussed. It was decided that instructors would keep the first \$100 generated from the new classes with the balance going to the club. It was decided that Barbara Warburton's long term intermediate class would be an exception because of the materials she provides her classes. She will keep the first \$200 with the remaining going to the club. The motion was made by Joan Gasparro and seconded by Ursula Mayer and passed unanimously.

Charity games were discussed. Rich advised us that ACBL charity games must receive 50 percent of the games and the balance can be any charity of our choice. It was decided that Wounded Warriors and St Lawrence Chapel Center for the

homeless would be our first charity games and we would research other worthy groups.

New Business: Judy Barash was unanimously elected to fill an empty seat on the board. Glenda Gerraputa announced that plans were in place to offer free bridge lessons to police and firemen who were interested in learning to play. Art Seelenfreund will teach the lessons on the first and second Saturday in February. Bob Buchner reported that suggestions have been made that we use the building for other purposes when we have no scheduled games. We will look into any offers considering insurance, liability issues and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned.