

**Unit 425 Minutes**  
**January 17, 2005**

Present: Board Members: Nancy Schafer, Barbara Bowerman, Dorothy Case, Susan Driggers, Walt Pease, Phil Morrow, Jack Ochs, Pat Galvin and Greg Svendsen. Others: Howard Enbysk, Ellen Cordes.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Walt Pease, President. It was determined that there was a quorum present.

The December, 2004 minutes were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Barbara Bowerman reiterated that it was her style to do the bookkeeping with pencil and paper in case anyone objected to it not being computerized. Everyone agreed that this was perfectly acceptable, and in fact perhaps preferred. Dorothy Case asked for clarification about the numbers because the expenses were more than the income, but was reassured that any negative balance would be made up by income from tournaments.

Old business: The President, Walt Pease announced that the Ethics committee will be composed of Howard Enbysk and Marian Kelly. Greg Svendsen volunteered to be on the committee and he was thus appointed to the committee by Walt Pease.

The objectionable conduct of a member which was discussed last month was brought up again and further incidents were reported, specifically regarding her conduct with regard to newer club members. Walt Pease reiterated that our purpose was to encourage membership increase, and we could not allow any new members to be discouraged to return. Howard Enbysk said he has talked to her and also stated that she is a big help to him. Other board members said that in their experience her behavior has improved. The matter was not further discussed.

The dates for the tournament for 2006 was discussed. Howard Enbysk stated that he talked to Roger, our ACBL contact, and he gave him some alternate dates as possibilities. A discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded to keep the sanction for the solstice June dates in 2006 and not change anything. It was approved.

New business: Howard submitted a report he received from ACBL which showed our membership figures. We have 235 members. We lost 7% of our membership in three years, even though we are recruiting members. A discussion followed about how the figures might be interpreted differently because we have some members who play in other locations part of the year. It was pointed out that we do have many new members. Howard also reported that we have an average of 200 tables per month, and that does not count the tournaments. He said that he had as a goal 200 tables per month. He will be providing us with attendance figures regularly.

Greg S remarked that he rejoined the club when someone called him and asked him to play, bringing up the point that another way to recruit members is to contact old members who may have stopped coming for one reason or another and encouraging them to play again.

February tournament: Ellen Cordes, tournament chair, brought up several issues she wanted Board approval for or suggestions, for the upcoming February tournament. She was informed that the coat rack problem should be resolved and she did not have to deal with any rentals. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of \$500.00 for a meal for the Sunday game so people would not leave the club and delay the start of the evening game, and because everyone enjoyed it last time. The motion passed. The tournament director and hospitality director were given leave to plan the menu. Susan Driggers stated that she was doing partnerships for the whole tournament rather than having several people calling for different days and she hoped it would be easier for everyone. She also requested that a workday be designated for sprucing up the club before the tournament. It was decided that Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am would work.

Barbara Bowerman submitted a list of things still to be done to finish up fixing our new space. A committee was appointed by Walt Pease of Barbara and Phil Morrow to take care of these issues. It was pointed out the appreciation of the club of all that Phil Morrow has done to already fix up the club and purchase new equipment and repair things. He has spent many hours behind the scenes and everyone wanted him to know they are appreciative. Phil was given approval to purchase new chairs.

Susan Driggers announced that as membership chairman she has recently updated the member database and Brenda has offered to put together a new directory of members. It was suggested that the proof of the directory be left

out for at least one week for all to see to make any corrections before final publication.

Pat Galvin stated that something to think about for next time would be how we could promote membership such as what Greg S mentioned.

Nancy Schafer mentioned that we might think about creating a newsletter. Ideas were discussed. Nancy was willing to work on it with someone who could type.

Howard recommended that we have another Pro-Am tournament. It was suggested that we find a date in March.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dorothy S. Case