

Minutes of Unit 174 Annual Meeting

April 6, 2008

Hornberger Conference Center

Subject to approval:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Bert Onstott at 2:30 pm. Board members present were Bert Onstott, Pres., Jolie Hess, Vice Pres., Karen Nimmons, Secretary, Joyce Ryan, Ed Groner, John Erickson, Lauri Laufman and Pat Levy. Also present was Jim Woodward, Treasurer.

Minutes of Last Year's Meeting

There was a motion to approve last year's minutes of the annual meeting. It was seconded and approved.

Financial Report

Jim reported the unit had a good year financially.

- The balance sheet at the end of 2007 showed total assets of \$132,525.35
- The NABC subcommittee has \$32,000.
- The unit made a profit of \$21,275.69 in 2007.

Jim also reported that the annual audit of the 2006 books was performed by David Miller & Co.

- The books passed the audit.
- They recommended modifying our financial procedures to include a "Verifier" role.
- That was accomplished in early 2008.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

State of the Unit Report

- The number of tables played at Unit tournaments is up to levels not previously seen. This is partly due to the introduction of STaC tournaments in 2002.

- About 26,000 tables are played at sanctioned unit clubs per year.
- The average unit member plays at a sanctioned club about 43 times per year.
- The number of new members we are attracting has been around 200/year for several years.
- We need to bring in more new players.
- Retention is up
- The Unit is growing. Membership is up 71 in the past year. As of April 1, 2008, the Unit had 2344 members.

New Programs

Attracting Social Bridge Players to Duplicate is one of the unit's new programs.

- The Unit will develop a program similar to one used in Detroit.
- The program chair is Norm Gautier and Co-Chair is Bert Onstott.
- An executive committee was formed.
- Organized day long bridge events with lessons, lunch and a bridge game will be arranged.
- These events will be held periodically in various venues around the unit.

Web Based Partnership Desk is another new program to help members find partners. It will:

- Be accessible via the Unit web site.
- Match players according to playing site, time, # of MP, system played, etc.
- Display a list of potential matches and allow the user to choose whom to contact.
- Be very simple to use.

Presentation of Awards

Lauri Laufman presented the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney awards.

Election Results

Bert announced the election results. Paul Cuneo, Joyce Ryan and Karen Nimmons were elected.

Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Nimmons, Secretary