Unit 425 Director's Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2013

PRESENT: Shannon Jones, Nancy Schafer, Norm Holthouse, Carolyn Sprague, Don Keyes, Alan Dennis, Dennis Smith, and Steve Tucker. Doug Scott, game director, was in the room.

NOT PRESENT: Greg Svendsen, Tim Marx, Duff Pfanner, and Club Manager Kathie Hoehne.

QUORUM: A quorum was established.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Shannon Jones at 6PM.

MINUTES: The December 17, 2012, minutes were reviewed and approved with no objections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no discussion of the Treasurer's report due to Tim's absence. Shannon handed out a year end 2012 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT: Kathie Hoehne is in Australia until February 8, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a general discussion of lower attendance at regular club games and tournaments, and how we can raise attendance.

- Alan volunteered to send out e-mail reminders to all members we have addresses for. The plan is to remind players to contact the partnership desk. Dennis Smith is out of town February 1 – 16, so players need to act now. Jack Ochs will fill in for Dennis while he is out.
- Norm discussed the opportunities for charity games. The Unit is not fully using these games. There was agreement that players will not be concerned about the extra dollar fee when extra points are available. Norm noted that some games require 45 day notice with the ACBL. Shannon will work with Kathie to get the added charity games on the schedule. Shannon suggested that the members might like to provide input on what charities receive the benefit. There is to be a discussion at the February tournament on Sunday.

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- Stratification ranges for the Regional were discussed. There was agreement that stratifications should be based on average points of the team in the team games. The Tournament Director will have the authority to modify ranges as deemed necessary for fairness.
- Don requested adding a zero to 50 stratification in the February Sectional. The easy bridge players will be far more likely to attend if they do not play in the open game. The board agreed to add this to the game.

NEW BUSINESS: There was additional discussion of getting better attendance at the Regional. There was discussion of how to get the Fairbanks and Kenai club members to attend. Sandra Miller and have volunteered to recruit players.

Norm brought up the need for an audit of the Unit books. There was general agreement that this was a good idea. The issue was tabled since Tim Marx was absent.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Monday, February 18, 2013, at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Alan Dennis

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