

Central Illinois Bridge Association – Unit 208 of District 8
Board Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2024

Lori Moore called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Board, Alternates and Committee Members present: Bill Bulfer, Ann Caparros, Dan Drake, Jane Johnson, Martha Leary, Lori Moore, Eunice Patton, Camilla Rabjohns, Jenny Schwarz, Bob Sievers, Anne Wildrick, Chuck Young, and Larry Ziegler.

Board, Alternates and Committee Members absent: Terry Goodykoontz, Aaron O'Banion, Martha Schuster and Marilyn Winters.

President's Report:

Lori presented that Ann Caparros was stepping down as secretary of the Unit but would help with the transition. Jane Johnson has agreed to step into this role. Lori polled each of the board members for approval.

Minutes:

Ann Caparros presented the minutes for the 6/27/24 Board meeting, the 8/29/24 Annual Meeting and the 9/5/24 Executive Board meeting for approval. Larry Ziegler made a motion to approve and Camilla Rabjohns seconded, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Eunice Patton presented the 2024 Annual Financial Report that was presented at the Annual Meeting in August. Camilla Rabjohns made a motion to approve and Bob Sievers seconded, the motion passed. Eunice also presented the Current Income and Expense Report and noted that our current bank account balance is \$7,399.30 and we have Certificate of Deposits with a current value of \$52,005.92.

Tournament Report:

Camilla Rabjohns reported that all sanctions for 2025 have been secured and that she will be working on doing the sanctions for 2026.

- *Illinois Senior Games* - Anne Wildrick presented the 2024 Financial Report and the 2025 Budget and Brochure. Motions were duly made and seconded. The motions passed.
- *Peoria Sectional* - Camilla Rabjohns presented the 2024 Financial Report and the 2025 estimated Budget and Brochure. Motions were duly made and seconded. The motions passed.
- *Bloomington Sectional Tournament (Local Non-Life Master)* - Lori Moore discussed the potential cost to the Unit in the event of “Free Lunch” on the flyer. Ann Caparros provided the lunch in 2024 and has offered to do this again in 2025. In the event that something were to happen and Ann is unable to do this then the Unit would be responsible for this expenditure since it is on the flyer. Pursuant to the discussion it was agreed that this is a nice feature to have for this tournament to encourage players at this level to attend. The 2025 Budget and Flyer were presented. Motions were duly made and seconded. The motions passed.
- *Bloomington Gold Rush and Open Sectional* - Jenny Schwarz presented the 2024 Financial Report and the 2025 Budget and Flyer. Motions were duly made and seconded. The motions passed.
- *Champaign Regional* - Lori Moore presented the 2024 Financial Report from Karen Walker. A motion by Camilla Rabjohns and seconded by Larry Ziegler to approve the financials as presented, the motion passed.

A discussion followed in regards to the future of the tournament. It was agreed that everyone feels the importance of having this tournament. Bob Sievers then presented a discussion in regards to meeting with Karen Walker, to see if there is a way to mend fences and allow her to continue to run the tournament. Steps forward is for Camilla Rabjohns to reach out and talk to Karen to see if she would be amenable to working with Bob Sievers and Eunice Patton to come up with a solution.

There was also a discussion in relation to owing the District 8 sanction and paying \$900 to the District if we do not have the Regional tournament. There were a lot of thoughts on both sides, but a District board meeting was coming up in a couple of weeks where we could get the answers.

District 8:

Lori Moore presented Bill Bulfer to serve on the District 8 Board for another two-year term. Camilla Rabjohns made a motion to approve and Jane Johnson seconded, the motion passed.

Martha Leary discussed the NAP tournament coming up on November 10. Right now we have few entries, she asked that everyone try to promote the game and to get registered early.

Club Manager/Player Updates:

Chuck Young is looking for ways to expand club membership and participation of clubs. Either with stipends to start new clubs or for teacher education. He reached out to Galesburg to see if they had any interest in restarting their club with the help of the Unit, but they are not interested at this time. Other club managers have expressed an interest in the Unit increasing game supplements for NAP, STaC and "Royal" STaC games. And to add ACBL special games like the Digital IMP games. Chuck will look at creating a report that would reflect the actual game fees and the amount that the Unit would have to pay for each of these events. This report will be available for the February board meeting.

Old Business:

Lori reported that a case has been obtained for the clock along with other items needed for "local" tournaments. There are more items that still need to be purchased like movement cards, registration slips and various other items that are being donated by various clubs.

New Business:

Lori indicated that we are in need of locating storage for Unit supplies. The bidding boxes, boards and miscellaneous supplies are currently in the storage room at the First Christian Church in Bloomington.

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm.

Next meeting: February 27, 2025 at 11:00 am

Submitted by: Jane Johnson, Secretary Unit 208