

WUMBA Board meeting
May 16, 2022

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m. Marge Morgan thanked everyone for coming and for keeping bridge alive.
2. Roll call: Mollie Freier, Mary Ann Romberg, Cerona Stevens, Sharon Basal, Gregg Underheim, Adam Gewiss, Chuck Vierthaler, Marge Morgan, George Bleskachek, David Raitt, Emalyn Nikstad (also Paul Morgan and Wayne Peters)
3. Approval of minutes will be done at the next meeting. We should also approve the minutes of the September 2019, if they can be located.
4. Treasurer's report: last three years. Adam. See handout.. Special thanks to Adam for staying on the last few years.
5. Elections: Slate: Mary Ann Romberg President, David Raitt President-Elect, Mollie Freier Secretary, Bill Higbee Treasurer. Cerona Stevens moved, Sharon Basal seconded that the slate be accepted. Motion carried
6. Membership Report. Emalyn Nikstad presented a table of membership—we're down 300 members since 2012—we're now at 800+ members. 29 members get numbers from Emalyn on division of new members. Marge said that our drop in membership is happening nationally (reported at the District board meeting). Should we discontinue second-year dues? Adam reported that the ACBL rebates more than cover that second year.
7. Unit Tournament Coordinator: George Bleskachek said that currently we have tournament scheduled at Woodruff, the Lake Hallie regional, Wausau, Marquette, and LaCrosse—George recommends that we charge \$10 per session for tournaments to cover the loss of attendance starting in January 2023. David Raitt moved Mary Ann seconded, and the motion carried. George said we'd take the 50-cent surcharge for team games from the \$10 entry fee.
8. Lake Hallie Eagles Club Regional has been shrunk from 6.5 to 4 days. Playing area will be smaller. This change will lower rent. Two sessions per day. Maybe lunch for purchase. Soup, salad, sandwich bar for \$10. Schedule will be up within 10 days. Rick Brown, former chair, has stepped down as chair. Marge asked that there be a couple of education sessions during the regional. George seemed agreeable. He hopes that we have as many tables as Middleton/Madison.
9. New business: District Board meeting: pleased with the regional in Madison, and hope to have a three-year contract. Questions about how to increase membership—universities, senior citizen centers. How do we balance online and face-to-face? Are too many points being given online—is it hurting our local tournaments? District board asked that a letter be sent asking for no online regionals.
Mollie brought up the idea of returning to Harris if they'll have us. George questioned whether we lose a split regional if we ever undo the split. No motion was made to explore the idea of a regional in Harris.
10. Adjournment. Gregg moved adjournment. Wayne seconded. Motion carried.

11. Proposed next meeting: Marge that we have the fall meeting in Wausau on Friday. We agreed.