Unit 479: Minutes for 9/8/2024 Board Meeting

Present: Directors - Betsy Ovitt, John Thomas, Marna Knoer, Doug Berg, Joyce Spence, Susie Leo, Carole Schmitz, Ed Mout, Ned Forman; District Representative: Kevin Kacmarynski; Absent:

Meeting called to Order at 8:00 a.m.
Minutes for July meeting were approved.

District Updates:
Highlights for District 20:

- Kevin will send a summary from the July meeting
- Voted to hold a Redmond Regional next year
- District need new tournament managers for regional tournaments
    - Read the article in the Declarer
- If you can help with the organization, reaching out to hotels and convention centers, district needs volunteers for that as well
- District is updating its policies and procedures , especially section 8 which is being one by Kevin, which the board needs to approve
    - Differences:
        - eliminating compensation for district rep replaced by reimbursement for requested in person meetings
        - rewording rotation of the rep among the 3 units , replaced by offered in rotation and filled by next in rotation if original unit cannot find a willing rep
    - Kevin will send a copy of his changes, board members will respond to give approval or suggestions

Treasurers report accepted.
Balance: $32,608.38

Old Business:
None

New Business:

- New CD
    - With our balance it seems practical to move some money into interest bearing accounts
    - items approved in the spring have been purchased
    - Carole would like to pursue purchasing another CD or moving some funds to an interest bearing account

        - A motion was made to allow Carole to move funds to interest bearing accounts, it was seconded and passed unanimously
    - Ali and Martin want a more professional flyer for the Sectional
        - A graphic artist has been contacted
        - Doug could produce a flyer and will look at the proposal from the graphic artist Betsy has contacted
    - Susie is looking of people to populate the IN table at Seaside
        - 20 minutes needed before each session
        - Susie will send a request to the Google Group

Good of the Club:

Youth Bridge

- Ned is gearing up for the new school year
    - He has sent mailers to 40 public and private schools in the area
    - He will need to contact the new principal at Oak Hill
    - ATA will continue this year with Kathleen Taylor sponsoring the tea
        - Team meets for the first time 9/26

Adult Beginning Bridge Class

- A teacher is needed for a beginning 2 over 1 class
- Don is thinking about doing sessions after golf

Swiss Team

- Could we do mixing with the Swiss teams
- People with fewer points may be intimidated by teams with 4000+
- N/S pairs have higher count, E/W pairs with lower count
- Kevin does his team events in Salem this way
- Kevin will share his method with Susie
- Susie will chat with Don about it

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35

Next Meeting 10/13/2024 at 8 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Marna Knoer
Unit 479 Secretary

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