

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday August 10, 2022

Location: The meeting was conducted on-line using ZOOM.

Attendees: John Welte, Mark Boswell, Dennis Abeln, Don Chase, Maureen Curran, Terry D'Amato, Diane Deutch, Ken Obrecht, Kelly White, Mark Zellmer. Non-board members Mike Carmen.

Absent: Steve Russell

The meeting was called to order by President John Welte at 7:04 pm. Ten board members were in attendance, satisfying quorum requirements of six.

The minutes from the July 18 regular board meeting and the July 26 special board meeting were approved as submitted.

The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Kelly made a motion to approve investing \$10,000 in a US Govt Series I bond and \$10,000 each in 3, 6 and 9 month CDs as detailed in e-mailed treasurer's report. The motion passed without objection.

August Regional

1. Mike reported that presenters have not been arranged yet. Mark Z will work to arrange local presenters. The presentations will be made before the afternoon session in the main ballroom. Mike will arrange for flip charts.
2. The Fast Results Pre-Bulletin was distributed Monday August 8.
3. Don Chase mailed 340 letters appealing to players to attend the regional. John and Kelly are also contacting some players.
4. Mike reported 216 hotel room nights had been reserved. The contracted minimum is 207. Mike reported the contracted minimum hospitality spending of \$7,500 should be satisfied. Mike is now projecting the tournament will turn a small profit.
5. Terry requested Mike provide copies of the signed contract and addendum for posting on the unit's Drop Box.
6. The COVID-19 coordination needs were discussed. A coordinator is needed at the desk in the hall to verify vaccination and distribute bracelets. Diane had been to a recent tournament that had a door guard at the entrance to the playing area who ensured that entering people had bracelets. Mike will work with the ACBL directors to determine whether a door guard is needed.
7. Ken has ordered masks, bracelets and sanitizer.
8. Dennis reported that the COVID-19 case counts for the St Louis County had dropped such that the Community Level should drop from HIGH to MEDIUM which means ACBL's COVID-19 Protocols will not require masks. The change should be posted on CDC's site on Thursday August 11. A motion was made to fund another Pianola email blast to announce this. The motion was approved without objection.
9. John is working to get people signed up to staff the various jobs.

October Sectional

Kelly reported the results of a survey he had conducted that showed 80% of the respondents had preferred the St Louis Bridge Center site over Blanchette Memorial Hall in St Charles. Kelly made a motion to move the October Sectional from Blanchette to the St Louis Bridge Center. After discussion, the motion failed with 2 voting for, 8 voting against. The possibility of moving the January Sectional to the Bridge Center will be discussed at a future meeting.

The next board meeting will be September 14, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Dennis Abeln August 14, 2022.