

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes August 5, 2024

Location: The meeting was conducted online using Zoom.

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Sandy Bigg, Mark Boswell, Dian Brazier, Terry D'Amato, Steve Russell, Jay Shah, John Welte, Mark Zellmer, Don Chase, Tod Moses and Janet Vontz.

Absent: none

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 and met quorum requirements.

Approval of the Minutes

The Board passed a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 1, 2024.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Russell reported it is too early in the month for a full report. The balance in the account is \$69,969.

New Board Members

The Board welcomed Tod Moses and noted there is a full board comprised of 12 members.

Tournaments

August Regional

Sandy will be printing the welcome letters for hotel guests which included modifications by the hotel. Copies will be given to guests by the hotel at registration.

Sandy said Dennis is handling the printing of the signs including Save the Site signs.

Dian reported the candy is ready.

Jay said caddy assignments are complete including several new caddies.

Mark Z reported two lectures given by Ken Eiger and Mark Z will be scheduled. Details will either be placed on the flip chart in the lobby and/or included in the daily bulletin.

John Welte will add announcements to the results that are sent to the ACBL's Daily Bulletin contact every evening. They will appear in the Daily Bulletin and emailed to all participants the next morning.

Mark Z will contact Karen Walker who is on the hotel guest list for a potential lecture.

The storage room is changed to the Lindbergh Room. "Emergency only" signs will be posted on doors not to be used.

Judy Pass and Helene Siegfried will fill in Partnership Desk duties for Phyllis on Monday morning and afternoon. Phyllis will handle the rest of the week.

It was determined a Greeter in the foyer will be present prior to each session early in the tournament. Sandy collected names as members volunteered for duties (greeting and clean up) and will remind BoD members of their assignments.

Board members are reminded to wear their name badges. Mark Z will obtain badges for Tod and Janet.

Dennis said leftover lanyards from last year along with name tag supplies will be available for players to self identify. Greeters will direct players to the name badge location to make their own name tags.

All BoD members playing Sunday are asked to stay a half hour after the game for final cleanup and wipe down of tables. The hotel will provide cleaning supplies.

Dennis made a motion to direct charity proceeds to ACBL Charities Foundation. The funds are subsequently distributed among all districts to use for charitable purposes. Food pantries are a popular use. It was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to increase the tip budget from \$500 to \$1,000 so each hotel worker would be rewarded from the tip budget. It was seconded and approved.

Dennis suggested an ad in the ACBL Bulletin advertising the St. Louis Regional would be most effective in July for the future.

Fall Sectional

The flyers are prepared.. Sandy will send flyers to local clubs.

The annual board meeting will be held Friday morning at 9:30. A notice on pianola and/or the Unit website will notify players of this meeting as the notice was left off the flyer.

An award for Debbie Romero will be given to her when she plays.

Winter Sectional

It was determined the Winter sectional would repeat the Fall sectional events and fees. Dennis will submit details to ACBL for tournament approval.

New Business

Dennis reported McGuire Storage increased the table storage and delivery expense by \$200 per year. The Board approved this increase.

Old Business

No change in the search for a local chairman for the St. Louis Nationals in 2026. If no chairman is located, the ACBL may choose another city.

The board will not participate in the 5/5/5 retention and recruitment program offered by ACBL.

A motion to adjourn the meeting passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2024.