

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2019

Location: Creve Coeur Government Center Meeting Room 1

**Attendees:** Dennis Abeln, Terry D'Amato, Mark Boswell, Diane Deutch, Lee Hastings, Estella Lau, Debbie Romero, Jay Shah, John Welte, Kelly White. **Absent:** John Antognoli, Larry LaBrier

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Boswell at 7:02 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from last month's meeting were submitted by Dennis Abeln via e-mail. The spelling of Diane's last name should be Deutch. No other additions or corrections were offered. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made, seconded and passed.

**President's Report:** Mark asked for a motion to form a standing committee of two to do an annual financial review. Lee made the motion, Debbie seconded, motion passed. Mark appointed Lee chairman of the committee. Dennis will be on the committee.

Mark announced Kelly White has agreed to be Corresponding Secretary.

Mark reported the St Louis Bridge Center agreed to pay \$10 / set of boards as rent for the unit's duplicating machine, and that they only made three sets of boards with it.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark announced that Larry LaBrier is out of town for two months. No treasurer's report for this month.

Dennis made a motion was made to approve the Larry's December 2018 treasurer's report as submitted, including the \$988 correction. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mark advised that Larry did not want to sign the tax return for the fiscal year ending Sept 30, 2018. Mark indicated he would sign it.

Larry will be absent for the Winter Sectional, so Mark will bring the checkbook.

**Tournaments:** No report

## **Committee Reports**

**Outreach:** No report.

**Awards:** Mark distributed new magnetic name tags to board members, with instruction that they be worn at tournaments.

**Bidding Boxes:** John A. has agreed to take care of the bidding boxes for the Winter Sectional. He will also need to take care of the time clocks and ensure fresh batteries for the time clocks.

**Caddies:** Debbie has the caddies organized for the Winter Sectional.

**Datebook:** Dennis commented that the Datebook and the website calendar require duplicate entry effort because they're in a different format. Dennis was asked to follow up with Milton Z.

**District:** No report.

**Communications:** No report.

**Membership:** Jay distributed a chart showing membership numbers for the past year. Membership is down for the year.

Jay asked for a CSV file of the in-out report. He was directed to work with Kelly who is the Unit Electronic Contact.

Jay proposed purchasing a printer to make player # labels at the tournaments. The suggestion was tabled.

**Partnership:** No report. Phyllis is handling partnership.

**Publicity:** Estella reported that postcards and flyers for the Winter Sectional have been distributed.

Debbie advised that ACBL Bulletin advertising for the Regional is due by the end of February. Debbie and Estella will bring recommendations to the February board meeting.

Mark reported that Mike Carmen wants to make some changes to the regional schedule. Mark said he would contact Mike to get information and distribute it prior to the February board meeting.

**Unit Electronic Contact / Corresponding Secretary:** Kelly reported that ACBL has been updated to reflect the board member and officer changes. ACBL mail for unit officers will now go to the new Post Office Box. Kelly reported that he tried to remove Moore from Suzi Shymanski but that the name shown on ACBL's site is a function of the member's ACBL profile, so Suzi will have to do it herself.

The corresponding secretary responsibilities include assembling the list of new life masters being recognized at the Winter Sectional. He is also responsible for maintaining an inventory of Life Master pins.

**299'r Tournament:** John Welte presented the postcards and hardouts for approval. The March 299'r tournament has been rescheduled one week earlier to avoid conflict with the Memphis National. John needs a director commitment. Phyllis has agreed to handle partnership. John needs mailing labels for the postcards by Feb 1 -- he was directed to get them from Kelly, the corresponding secretary. Kelly will contact Mary Dolan to find out how to generate I/N name file.

Mark wants someone to 'sell' the Sunday team game to the I/N players before each of the pairs games on Saturday. Handouts should be distributed covering team game tactics. Debbie agreed to make a presentation on team game tactics before the Sunday game. John Welte will coordinate this.

**Unit Games:** Mark said he would get with Lee to explain how these games have been scheduled in the past.

**Hospitality:** Mark reported that Diane Barker has agreed to be Hospitality Chairman. Mark and Diane will meet with Suzi to transition the duties ahead of the Winter Sectional.

**Website:** Terry reported the website is up to date.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be February 12, 2019 at the regular location

**Adjournment:** Mark called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Lee, seconded by John W, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln, Recording Secretary, February 5, 2019.