

UNIT 164 – CABIN FEVER SECTIONAL

Minutes of the Jan. 22, 2011 Meeting
Held at the Ramada Inn, Lexington

Members Present: Terrell Holt, John Kennedy, Bill McClain, Lamar Hamilton, Sandra Marlin, Ken Katen, Lynda Pemberton (for Katie Easom), Charlie Seelbach, Rich Newtz, Claudia Haller, Georgia Ringo, Anita Pettus, Kathy Linck.

Guest: Matt Heuser

Absent: Katie Easom, Carol Dunlevy

The meeting was called to order at 4:35PM by Pres. Terrell Holt.

(The By-laws require a 'majority' of Board members present to conduct the business of the Unit. Quorum established - 10 of 12 members present.)

First Order of Business: Terrell announced the resignation of Treasurer Joe Murray and nominated Anita Pettus to fill the unexpired term of Treasurer. **Approved by Board.** Terrell also announced the resignation of Board Director John Jensen and nominated Georgia Ringo to fill his unexpired term. **Approved by Board.** (Georgia and Anita were invited to enter the meeting. New quorum - 12 of 14). Terrell welcomed the new members and clarified their remaining terms on the board as per the by-laws. Terrell stated that in the future the meeting will start at 4:30PM or as soon as all Board Members are finished playing in the pair game. Several board members expressed their pleasure with the new time for our meeting and having the agenda ahead of time.

Minutes:

1. Secretary Kathy Linck stated that the draft of the current minutes can be found at the Unit164 website - www.unit164.org - and she also handed out copies to those who needed them.
2. Terrell asked for corrections to the minutes. Lamar Hamilton moved the minutes be approved as presented. **Approved.** Sandra Marlin complimented the Secretary on the preparation and presentation of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Terrell stated that the Treasurer reports he handed out were preliminary with the exception of the Pine Mtn. report. After several adjustments, the net profit for Pine Mtn. has changed to \$327.50. Lamar mentioned that he will return a few of the prizes and there may be some added profit. Terrell commended Lamar on the tournament and reminded us that the number of tables was down due to the power outage on Saturday morning. The report will be filed for audit.
2. A preliminary Regional report was presented and emphasized as only being a preliminary report until Terrell and Anita can get together to review it in detail. As of this date though, our profit from the Regional held in Nov. is \$8430.70 with still some outstanding bills due to NABC. So our profit may be reduced to about \$8100. There is confusion about how much money was originally put into this

account and by who, in the beginning of this regional in 2005 and Terrell will research this with Peggy Pace or old records that need to be found.

3. Another preliminary report of our Unit account at BB&T was discussed by Terrell. It includes some very current expenses that Terrell has paid since he has received the books and also the Regional profit deposit so currently the bank account total is \$52,681.66. Terrell requested that Anita be given permission to invest some of this money into a safe Money Market or CD that will yield some interest. Anita will investigate this matter and she will e-mail the board with her recommendation for our comments and approval. **At the end of the meeting, Lamar moved that the Treasurer and President investigate ways to invest the money and as long as they are insured safe instruments, they can go ahead and make decisions for the board. Approved
4. Three years of taxes have been filed. Our tax filing is complete except that a copy of year 2009-2010 needs to be located for back-up purposes.

Committee Reports:

1. Audit: Sandra Marlin reporting
 - a) Sandra Marlin announced that they have met with past treasurer. Most things are OK but checkbook was out of balance. It is being corrected.
 - b) Sandra stated that she had been made aware of some leaks of information that took place during the audit. She emphasized that the proceedings of the Audit committee are confidential and any reports of their discussions outside of the committee are not acceptable.
 - c) The Committee will have a full audit report and recommendations in May.
2. Investment: Chairman Katie Easom is out of town but the committee's report is included in our material. Terrell thanked the committee for their thorough and quick work on this matter. Other members of the committee were Mike McCann and Charlie Murphy.
3. Ethics: No report
4. Education: Sandra Marlin reporting
 - a) There will be a Youth tournament at the Nationals in Toronto beginning July 28th.
 - b) At the Gatlinburg Regional in April, there will be a symposium for teaching bridge to children. Sandra encourages everyone to sign up. It will be on Monday (1st day of tournament) at 9AM.
 - c) The Marlins are teaching at an elementary school. Another school in Lex. (Rosa Parks) is interested in having an after-school program for bridge. One of our bridge camp kid's parents went to the Principal and suggested this program,
 - d) Sandra and Terrell went to Corbin, Maysville, and Somerset to discuss teaching bridge to adults and kids. Ron Dunlevy may try taking the idea of

adding "Bridge Path to Math" which is program accredited by the State of Georgia. Sandra will follow up with Ron to see if we can get this accredited by the State of KY.

- e) Verna Goldberg is in charge of youth games at Nationals in Louisville and has invited kids to play for free at this tournament. If they get three tables, there will be a separate game for kids at that time. Sandra and Georgia will follow up on this and try to get several of our youth to go for a day.
- f) There was much discussion about trying to advertize and help some of the other areas in our Unit's clubs get publicity about their games and classes.

5. Membership: Kathy Linck reporting

- a) Monthly membership report shows our Unit membership at 372 people. We have 1 Diamond Life Master, 11 Gold Life Masters, etc. The report is available for you to look at.

6. District 11 Board Meeting Report: Terrell and Rich Newtz reporting

- a) New President Bill Sentman has appointed a committee to review all Regional Tournaments and penalties for cell phone use during tournaments
- b) Emphasize that the GNT's will be held in Dayton on Jan. 29th and 30th.
- c) Dates for the next 5 years of Sectional tournaments should be sent in ASAP. If there are conflicting dates due to distance restrictions, approval will be on a 'first request' basis.
- d) Every club should have a Secretary/Recorder to keep track and post the names of disciplined players so they do not play in club or sectional games.
- e) Units are encouraged to have a Sectional for 299'ers. No volunteer to follow up on this item.

Old Business

1. Insurance policy: Terrell reporting

- a) We do not need a workman's compensation policy as we have no paid employees. Received a \$300 refund as of May 16th, the date of approval of our new by-laws.
- b) We do have a business policy that covers \$10,000 for tables, bidding boxes, etc.
- c) In addition to that, ACBL has a 5 million dollar liability policy covering units, conferences and 1 million dollar policy for tournament coverage that is free to us.

2. Unit Directories: Terrell reporting

- a) The directories have been distributed and an outstanding job was done by Steve and Donna Dunlevy.
- b) They will be re-done every 2 years.

3. Mission Statement: Terrell reporting

- a) Included in our packet is a suggested Mission, Credo and Vision statement. Please read and give Terrell feedback on this for finalization in May.
- 4. Goals/Objectives: Terrell reporting
 - a) Included in our packet is a suggested Goals and Objectives statement. Please read and give Terrell feedback on this for finalization in May.
 - b) Our two main goals are to support our clubs in whatever way we can and to hold Sectional Tournaments but there should be several more probably concerning communication to and from our clubs.

New Business

1. Stephanie Richmond and Charlie Seelbach are trying to start a bridge club at UK with the sponsorship of Michael Jones. They would like to have about \$300 at this time for advertising. There is also a student at ECU who is interested in doing the same thing. Motion made to give them the requested \$300 start-up money for their UK endeavor. **Approved.**
2. Georgia Ringo has agreed to direct the Youth Summer Camp again this summer along with her many volunteers. Sandra suggested that we find more ways to advertise in order attract more children.
3. May 2011 Sectional will be chaired by Jackie Merkel. We have contracts with the Ramada through 2012. Sondra Holt will continue to negotiate contracts for 2013-2014 with the Ramada if she can't find anything better (cleaner and affordable).
4. John Kennedy presented the dates for our Sectional Tournaments and the Horseshoe Regional through 2017. (See Attachment 1)
5. Terrell presented a draft for a 2010-2011 Budget. Please look this over and be prepared to discuss this in May.
6. It was suggested by Terrell that we donate \$1000 to the National Tournament in March which will allow us to have a game named for our Unit at this National and a write-up about our Unit on the day of our sponsored game. Ken moved that we donate \$1000 for this purpose. **Approved.**
7. Proposed Standing Rules were presented and Terrell would like us to read them and give him feedback on these by e-mail and add other rules that we can think of. He will have a final draft in May for approval.
8. The Unit Asset list has been prepared and will be saved and updated as needed. We have enough tables now that we don't have to take tables, bidding boxes or table caddies from the Lexington Club for our tournaments. Now every chairman will know what items are available for their use during the sectionals. There is also a list of assets that we own jointly with Louisville.
9. For our information, Terrell polled all of the Clubs in our Unit as to items they could use and these items were purchased. (See Attachment #2)
10. Please get your teams together for the GNT tournament in Dayton on Jan. 29 & 30th. Please announce this info to all your club members.

11. Nominating Committee has been appointed: Chairman; Claudia Haller, Members; Donna Loeffler & Brad Walden. Their report will be put on our Web site (www.unit164.org) 14 days before the Sectional in May in order to be in compliance with our By-laws.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linck

Secretary

APPROVED: May 14, 2011