

**UNIT 164 – BLUEGRASS SECTIONAL**

Minutes of the May 14, 2011 Meeting  
Held at the Ramada Inn, Lexington

**Members Present:** Terrell Holt, John Kennedy, Bill McClain, Lamar Hamilton, Sandra Marlin, Ken Katen, Katie Easom, Charlie Seelbach, Anita Pettus, Chuck Dean, Wes Bottom, Kathy Linck.

**Guest:** Jackie Merkel

**Absent:** Rich Newtz, Georgia Ringo

The meeting was first 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 Board Directors Claudia Haller and Carol Dunlevy and recommended Chuck Dean and Wes Bottom as their replacements. **Unanimous approval by Board.** (Chuck and Wes were invited to join the meeting. New quorum - 12 of 14). Terrell welcomed the new members and stated they would have two years remaining on their terms.

**Report from Tournament Director:** Tournament Director Jackie Merkel gave a brief report on the attendance for the present tournament. Essentially our table count has been up and down but we are close to running even, compared to last year. She is hoping for a full house on Sunday. Hospitality has had wonderful participation this year especially in the amount of money donated. Jackie was thanked for her hard work on this tournament and she left the meeting.

**Minutes:**

Terrell stated extra copies of the current minutes were passed out. They can be found at the Unit164 website - [www.unit164.org](http://www.unit164.org). He asked for corrections to the minutes.

Secretary Kathy Linck stated she had reworded one paragraph but had not changed the meaning of it. Lamar Hamilton moved the minutes be approved as presented. **Approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Pine Mtn. final report - Treasurer Anita Pettus reported that after several small changes the Pine Mtn. tournament report was complete. The net profit was \$181.16.
2. Cabin Fever final report - Anita also presented the Cabin Fever tournament final report. Our table count was down slightly because of bad weather but there was still a profit of \$563.81. In answer to Director Chuck Dean's question concerning our tournament goal, Terrell stated that our goal is not always to make money. Our purpose as a Unit is to hold three tournaments a year and help the Clubs within our Unit grow their membership. However, we do not want to go in the red on a tournament.

3. Regional Financial report - Anita thinks this is finally the final report. Many changes were made mainly because checks were written from and deposited to the wrong accounts. Also, there have been many Treasurer changes in the last few months. As of Feb. 2011, the account has a net balance of \$4884.56 after distribution of profits to the Units.
4. Unit 164 Financial report - Anita presented the current Unit 164 balance sheet and a page of 'notes of explanation' to this budget. She discussed the 'notes and it was stated that as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, we have a balance of \$10,527.14 in the checking account and \$40,081.27 invested in CD's and money market accounts for a total of \$50,608.41. Being no further discussion or questions, the Treasurer's reports will be filed for Audit

### **Committee Reports:**

1. Audit: Sandra Marlin reporting - the Audit of the accounts for 2009 is complete and found to be well documented and correct.
2. Membership: Kathy Linck reporting
  - a) Our Unit membership is down from 372 members in Jan. to 326 (number reported incorrectly - should be 367) in April as reported to us in the In-Out report from ACBL.
  - b) We have begun implementing our new policy of sending 3 free game certificates to new registered ACBL players and since Jan. we have had 4 new signees who have received these games. Also, their Club President and our Unit Treasurer have been notified.
  - c) Director Ken Katen suggested that any member who brings a new person to a club game should be allowed to play free. This would probably be a club responsibility but perhaps the Unit could reimburse the Club for this game. No motion. Needs to be thought through and brought forward at a later time.
3. Ethics/Investments: Director Katie Easom reporting - no report at this time.
4. Education: Director Sandra Marlin reporting
  - a) Sandra took a team of her students to the Louisville NABC and they played in the 0 - 5 game and were very well received.
  - b) Sandra and Mike taught again this year at the Huntertown Elem. They had 17 students and will continue at this school this summer and next year.
  - c) Georgia Ringo and Peggy Sunier will be teaching for 1 week at Seaton Catholic Church for elementary children. It will be the week before our Children's Bridge Camp at the Lex. Club.
  - d) Sandra bought a program from Patty Tucker entitled "Learn to Play Bridge in a Day" and the Marlins will be teaching this class on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lex. Club. Chuck suggested that flyers be distributed to the teachers of

Fayette Cty. Many ideas for distribution of flyers have been suggested and will be used. Lunch will be provided. \*\* Later, Sandra moved that the Unit subsidize the cost of the manual, flyers, advertizing, and lunch. Approved. Vice President John Kennedy, asked if this could be done at other clubs in our Unit and Sandra said yes. Another manual will need to be purchased due to copyright laws but the cost is only \$10. Sandra and Terrell encouraged other Clubs to present this class.

- e) A teacher is needed at Rosa Parks Elem. for the next school year. Interest has been indicated there.
  - f) Sandra and Terrell sat in at the 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Symposium in Gatlinburg. Bridge Base On-Line is opening up a new bridge site just for juniors and the Marlins will own this site. They will make many decisions about it and hope to have it up and running by the NABC in Toronto.
5. Publicity: (no chair) Terrell reporting - we need a Publicity Chairman and would like a volunteer. He would like someone to report on activities of members of the clubs of our Unit. This would perhaps be in the form of a newsletter. Anita suggested that we have plenty of space in our column in the Mid West Monitor and we should utilize that space more. Kathy volunteered to compile these activities and accomplishments of our members if they are sent to her from the Clubs and to make a list for Harry Gordon to add to the bottom of his report in the Monitor if he cannot use them in his article. Terrell will get the Monitor deadlines and encourage all Clubs to forward activities and accomplishments of their members.

### Old Business

1. Youth Camp: (Terrell reporting) Director Georgia Ringo has everything on track for Youth Camp 2011 at the Lexington Club. It starts June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, twice a week for five weeks. We have a lot of volunteers and this is the 7<sup>th</sup> year with many new campers each year and many repeat campers. Sandra mentioned that a new syllabus is being used this year.
2. Standing Rules: These Rules have been presented at two previous meetings and Terrell has asked for additions and corrections on-line which several people responded to. He has incorporated all suggestions into this final copy presented tonight. Katie moved that they be approved. Ken suggested that Item 13 be amended to read "not to exceed \$100" cash value. This change was accepted. Approved.
3. Unit 164 Sponsorship: At the Lou. NABC, our unit did have a day that was entirely named after us, Unit 164. We received a lot of publicity from our \$1000 donation and we were one of three Units that did this.
4. Unit Assets update: The new list of assets includes the bidding boxes that were in Richmond for a total of 241 now stored in Lex. We, also, now have enough

tables(51) stored at the Lex. Club so that we do not have to use any of the tables owned and in use at the Lex. Club for our Sectional Tournaments.

5. Secretary of State Forms: By July 1<sup>st</sup> or as soon as our election for new members is over, Anita will update the Forms required by the Secretary of State.
6. Free Games at Sectional Tournament for Novices: Some people have told Terrell that they think the range for our Free Game policy (buy first game, get one game free) for novices is too high. Presently, the range is 0 to 50 and the suggestion was that it be 0 to 20. The Board felt that the range of 0 to 50 should stand and no action was taken.
7. Unit Insurance Policy: The Insurance Policy is paid. We always have a million dollar policy for each Sectional Tournament free from ACBL which covers all attendees at the tournament in the playing area - nowhere else. Also, ACBL provides a 5 million dollar umbrella for all unit members.

### **New Business**

1. Nominating Committee: The slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee is as follows:
  - For three Board Member positions: Katie Easom, Georgia Ringo, Sandra Marlin.
  - For District Representative: Susan Bullard
 These will all be three year terms. This slate will be presented to the General membership tomorrow by Donna Loeffler. If there are any further nominations from the floor, the election will be held by secret ballot as prescribed in detail in the by-laws. Minutes will be recorded of this meeting and posted on the Unit web site.
2. Pine Mtn. Sectional: The Pine Mtn. Sectional will be held Oct. 14 - 16. Director Lamar Hamilton stated that he has the flyers with him and will be mailing them to many clubs in the area. He will leave some for the Lex. Club with Terrell.
3. Sanctions for Sectional Tournaments: Terrell commended John and Lamar for getting our Sanctions approved through 2017. All tournaments in our District have to be approved by Bob Lyons from the District Board. This is done years in advance in order to keep tournaments from over-lapping.
4. Future Tournament Chairs: A Chair is needed for the Jan. 2012 Cabin Fever tournament. Terrell asked for a volunteer or names of individuals that might be interested in chairing this tournament. No volunteers came forward at this time but Ken suggested that Terrell approach Darrell Bennett for this position
5. Budget for 2012: This proposed budget does not include tournament costs but only other expenses as the tournament income covers their own expenses. Anita stated that trailer expenses need to be included in the expenses. Terrell will correct or make changes and bring it back for approval.

6. Ramada Contracts for Tournaments: We are set for Jan and May tournaments through 2013 and contracts were given to Anita. Sondra Holt arranged for the same prices as we have now.
7. U.K. Bridge Club Status: Director Charley Seelbach said they had tried to find other interested players and have only had one player sign up for lessons. Sandra said her niece and nephew have had the same problem at Eastern and Western Ky. Univ. Maybe with the new school year there might be more interest.
8. Richmond Club: Terrrell stated that unfortunately the Richmond Club has been shut down from lack of attendees.
9. District 11 Meeting Report:
  - a. The Louisville National was a huge success both financially and table count. They almost achieved 10,000 tables and an \$80,000 net profit. \$30,000 of this profit will be divided among all the District units. Our Unit 164 will get \$3,616.77 and this money must be kept in a separate account to be used as seed money for another National Tournament as per IRS rules. Anita will put this money into another interest bearing account and when we have another NABC in 8 or so years, we will use it then.
  - b. The District Board approved another STAC game starting the day after Christmas of this year, 2011. It will run for seven days. One dollar per table will go to help fund the Midwest Monitor. Unit 227 (W.Va.) gave their sanction for this STAC to the District because they did not like having to pay their annual dues for the Monitor. Brad Bartol will be the tournament coordinator.
  - c. The ACBL Charity Foundation allots \$1000 per District each year for the Charity of their choice. Beth Reid, our Nat. Board Rep. rotates this designation among the Units in our District. Also, every 5 years, a District is allotted \$30,000 to be given to a designated charity. Beth has to divide this money 5 ways between the Units and has placed Lex. and Lou. as one because we work well together. This means that this year, Lex./Lou. will be able to choose one (1) charity to receive \$6000 in our name. Terrell suggested that we choose several charities and we give these names to Louisville and let them know that any of these would be acceptable to us. Anita and Terrell will come up with several suggestions and will let us know by e-mail what they find.
  - d. Bob Lyons commended the Units for requesting their tournament dates early. All requests must go through the District(Bob Lyons) and not ACBL.

- e. Cincinnati will host the NAP's for at least the next three (3) years at the Crown Plaza hotel in Sharonville. They hope this will increase attendance because this is a better playing site.
  - f. The GNT's will be held in Dayton for at least the next two (2) years. Our Unit 164 has made a request to hold the GNT's in the future. Our proposal also included a suggested that there be two different week-ends so players could play in more than one strata. A committee will evaluate this proposal.
  - g. A committee will be appointed by the District President (Bill Sentman) to study the definition and guidelines for 'stratified and strata-flighted' events in the future.
10. Accomplishments for 2010-2011: See attachment to these minutes of this Report from Terrell.
  11. GNT/NAP Winner Reward: Dan Neill and his team won the GNT award, again this year. The District will give the team \$500 and in the past we have matched this award (\$125 per person). The Board agreed to match this amount (\$125) for Dan.
  12. Other business: Kathy moved that the Unit subsidize the lunch tomorrow at our Swiss game day by \$5.00 per person. After much discussion and many suggestions on how to reward our attendees, the question was called and the resulting vote was tied. Terrell suggested we table the whole discussion until we can further study the idea of rewarding our attendees in an equitable manner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Kathy Linck***

Kathy Linck  
Secretary

DRAFT: May 30, 2011

APPROVED: Oct. 15, 2011