

UNIT 164 – PINE MOUNTAIN SECTIONAL

Minutes of the October 15, 2011 Meeting
Held at the Pine Mtn. Lodge, Pine Mtn., KY

Members Present: Terrell Holt, John Kennedy, Lamar Hamilton, Katie Easom, Charlie Seelbach, Chuck Dean, Georgia Ringo, Sue Bullard, Kathy Linck.

Absent: Bill McClain, Sandra Marlin, Wes Bottom, Ken Katen, Anita Pettus

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Pres. Terrell Holt.

(The By-laws require a 'majority' of Board members present to conduct the business of the Unit. Quorum established - 9 of 14 members present.)

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Sec. Kathy Linck presented the minutes from May 14, 2011.

Terrell asked for approval of the minutes from that meeting. Director Chuck Dean moved the minutes be approved as presented. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Terrell presented the report, in place of Treas. Anita Pettus.

1. Bluegrass May Sectional final report - We had a profit of \$467.11 and we had 209.5 tables. This number of tables is on a par with other past May Sectionals. There being no questions, the report will be filed for audit.
2. Unit Financial report summary - The bottom line is that our net worth, which includes our checkbook balance and all investments is, \$49,119.36. There are several explanations at the bottom of the report. Kathy requested that the treasurer's report be available to Board members prior to the meeting either on our website or to all of us via e-mail. Terrell will speak to Anita about this.
3. The 2010 taxes have been completed and mailed on Oct. 5, 2011
4. In regard to investments, we have an 11 month CD that matures in Dec. Terrell moved that Anita be allowed to reinvest this money according to her discretion but probably for 2 years as we have another CD that has 15 months left and also a money market account for \$10,000. **Approved.**
5. We reimbursed the fees to our teachers for 18 students from "Learn Bridge in a Day" who took our bridge classes. As of this time, no free game cards that Kathy sends out to new members have been sent back for re-imburement. Vice Pres. John Kennedy and Director Georgia Ringo said they have some that they will turn into Anita. **Membership reported here. See under Committee reports.**

Tournament Report - Director and Tourn. Chairman Lamar Hamilton reporting

Things are going pretty well. There has been confusion at the front desk concerning next year's date of this tournament. Pine Mtn. has changed the date for next year and John will secure a change of sanction with Bob Lyons at the District and also at

the ACBL level to Sept. 7th thru the 9th of 2012. We do not have enough players to have a 299er game. The director in charge suggests we just keep advertising. We need to find ways to entice new members to come. Many members suggested that we give members under 299 points a 'buy one get one free' here at Pine Mtn. We have this policy in place at the Cabin Fever and Bluegrass Sectionals. Chuck moved that we make this change at the Pine Mtn. Sectional. **Approved**

Committee Reports

1. Membership: Kathy and Terrell reporting.

We have sent out 3 "Free Bridge Games" to 24 new members from our Unit that have joined ACBL this year. Terrell reported that our total number of members has remained the same at 363 for several months so we have lost members as we have gained them. We do not contact members whose membership has lapsed. They get at least three notices from ACBL before they are removed from the rolls. We lose 'snow birds' to Fla. Units if they live in Fla. for more than six months and change their home address with ACBL. District Rep. Sue Bullard mentioned that in the past if you were a 'Life Master' you were always a member of ACBL. Terrell will follow up on the rules of membership of Life Masters.

2. Education: Terrell reporting in the absence of Director Sandra Marlin.

- a) "Learn to Play Bridge in a Day" held in Lexington on June 25th had 85 people in attendance and at last count we have 40 of those in classes. This will not show up in an increase in our games as these people need to take classes first and then over the years we may see them at the tables.
- b) Sandra and Mike taught again this year at the Huntertown Elem. They have about 17 students.
- c) Georgia Ringo reported that the Seaton Catholic church summer school classes for children failed to happen this past summer probably because of the \$70 fee. They were trying to use it as a fund raiser. Georgia with the help of Lori Saunier may try to set up something in the future.
- d) A teacher is still needed at Rosa Parks Elem. for the next school year. Interest has been indicated there.

3. Publicity: (no chair) Kathy reporting

Several notes were received from Board Members and forwarded to Harry along with notes from the Lexington Bridge Club and some were included in Harry's article in the Midwest Monitor. Please continue to forward these special happenings to Kathy. Also, Georgia believes that Phil von Bores would collect and forward to

Kathy, 'news' of the novices at the Lex. Bridge Club. Georgia will talk to him about this.

Old Business

1. Youth Camp: Georgia mentioned that she only had one ad in the newspaper and she feels the Camp was not as successful as she hoped because of that. She had 17 campers registered and several were repeats. Ten bridge club members shared the teaching duties and many other helped in other ways. Next year she may have two sections - one for 1st timers and one for repeaters which means she will need more teachers and helpers.
2. Standing Rules: The Standing Rules have been changed as voted at the last meeting so a complete set of these Rules in their final form is in our packet.
3. Budget: The final form of the Proposed Budget is also in our packet. Terrell discussed this Budget. He noted that our expected income is \$1500 less than our expected expenses however this is mainly due to the possible use of all the free games and class fees that we have promised to those who are new to our Unit and who attended or will attend "Bridge in a Day" programs. One of our goals is to promote bridge in KY and it is important that we continue these programs to further that goal.(Bridge in a Day, ACBL membership, club game attendance and Youth Camps)
4. Cabin Fever Tournament: The chairs for the Cabin Fever Tournament in Jan. are Kathy and Ray Linck. The dates are Jan.22 through Jan. 24
5. U.K. Bridge Club Status: Director Charley reported they (he and Stephanie) could not find a common day and time this semester to establish any games at U.K. but will try to find the common time next semester.
6. Ramada Contracts: Terrell noted that we have the Ramada Inn Contracts through 2013 and we need to secure them for 2014-2015. Sondra Holt has done this in the past and we need a replacement or a committee for her duties in this area. Sondra did a thorough and extensive report on facilities in Lex. Georgia will look into this and secure the contracts for 2014-2015 at either the Ramada or another facility.
7. Sectional Tournament Sanctions: Other than the Pine Mtn. problems for next year, there is a problem with the 2016 as we have a conflict with Cincinnati in May.

Several people on the District board are working on this problem. We will hear from them soon.

8. Prizes for Regional Tournament: We have been asked by the Lou./Lex. Regional Tournament committee for the Unit to provide 12 cookbooks as prizes for the Tournament. We can purchase the cookbooks for \$8 each. Director Katie Eason moved we give these cookbooks as requested. **Approved**

New Business

1. Audit Committee: Terrell will ask the standing Audit committee (Sandra Marlin, Chair, Jackie Merkel, and Bill McClain) to audit the 2010 books.
2. Proposal to reward frequent players in Unit 164 Sectionals: At our last meeting, a motion to reward players at the tournament was tabled and Chuck has been looking into ways that this could be done. He contacted ACBL and they can give us a list of all players at our tournaments and how many games they have played very easily. Therefore, Chuck recommended:
 - a. that for every 10 games a person plays at our three Sectionals, they be given a free game. This would require that a person attend at least two of our three yearly tournaments;
 - b. This program would begin this year(2011) with the May Sectional and Pine Mnt. Tournaments and have free games available at the Cabin Fever Tournament for those that qualify;
 - c. We approve this program for a two year cycle and then revisit it then.

After much discussion, Katie moved that this discussion be tabled until the January meeting. **Approved** Chuck will provide additional information on estimated cost of this proposal if we had implemented it this year.

3. Proposal to change rewards for over-all high point winners: Kathy suggested that we reward the over-all winners at the Cabin Fever and Bluegrass tournaments just as we do at Pine Mtn. each year. Again, after much discussion, Terrell asked Chuck and Kathy to meet and put together a proposal that would deal with prizes and rewards for our tournaments. Until then, the Sectional Chairman can give prizes, free game certificates or money as they see fit.
4. District 11 Board Meeting Report: Terrell reporting:
 - a) The Dist. Board will vote in Nov. as to whether or not Lex. will be hosting the

2013, 2014 or get into a rotation with Dayton. Terrell will make a presentation, on our behalf, at this meeting.

- b) In 2016, there is conflict with the Cinn. Regional and Lex. May Sectional. Bob Lyon, A. J. Stephanie and Terrell will resolve that.
- c) Bob Lyons is retiring as Tournament Scheduling chairman effective Jan. 1, 2012. A. J. Stephanie, presently the Cinn. Unit President will take this position in the future.
- d) Indianapolis is requesting a switch of their Sectional and Regional dates due to fears of ice storms in March. The Board is working on this request.
- e) A report on Regional Attendance is as follows(for our information)
 - 1) Gatlinburg,.....Down 10% in 2011
 - 2) Cincinnati.....Down 25% in 2011
 - 3) Indianapolis.....Down 1% in 2011
 - 4) Dayton.....Up 2-5% in 2011(Due to Gold Rush Pairs)
 - 5) Louisville/Lexington ,,,,,,,Down 6.3% in 2010

5. ACBL Charity Program: Dist. 11 ACBL representative, Beth Reid, will be sending all paperwork to the ACBL Charity Foundation and the checks have been issued as per ours and Louisville wishes which was \$6000 to the Pink Connection. This is a great program by ACBL.

6. Bridge in a Day

a) Somerset: Katie reporting

This event will be held on Oct. 22nd. As of today, 50 people signed up. Katie believes this is amazing for this area. Terrell has been very helpful and all of the members of the club will be helping.

b) Corbin: John and Terrell reporting

John believes that no date has been set for sure. Terrell has talked to Doris and Nov. 19th was a date they have talked about. Terrell will work with John and Doris on the date and all that has to be done by that time.

7. New Directory: Our Standing Rules require that we prepare a new Unit Directory every two years. Therefore a new directory is due Oct. 2012. Terrell will ask Donna Dunlevy to do the Directory again as she has done it in the past. Katie asked that members of their club in Somerset that are not ACBL members be included in this directory. Terrell will try to get this to work.

8. Chair for May Sectional 2012: Terrell and Jackie Merkle will co-chair this tournament.

9. New Non-Life Master Tournament: This tournament will be held in Lexington on July 28th and 29th, 2012. All the work has been done and we expect 22 tables for each section. Andra Gyor is the Chair and many NLM members in the Lex. club are working with her on this tournament.
10. Contracts for the Ramada for 2014 and beyond: Georgia will be handling this (see Old Business, #6 above).
11. Proposal for Louisville/Lexington Regional: There have been many complaints about the Casino site for this tournament mainly due to the smoking problem. Other sites have been looked at including a Holiday Inn on Hurstborne Lane but there are some problems with space there. Our contract with Horseshoe goes through 2012. This will continue to be investigated.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linck

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Secretary

DRAFT: Nov. 4, 2011

FINAL APPROVAL AS CORRECTED: Jan. 21, 2012