

**UNIT 164 – CABIN FEVER SECTIONAL**

Minutes of the Jan.21, 2012 Meeting  
Held at the Ramada Inn Lexington, KY

**Members Present:** Terrell Holt, Charlie Seelbach, Chuck Dean, Wes Bottom, Ken Katen, Sandra Marlin, Sue Bullard, Bill McClain, Anita Pettus, Kathy Linck.

**Guests:** Verna Goldberg, Gary Peterson, Ray Linck

**Absent:** John Kennedy, Lamar Hamilton, Katie Easom, Georgia Ringo

Prior to the meeting being called to order at 4:30PM, a presentation from the Louisville Unit was given by Gary Peterson and Verna Goldberg concerning the Lou./Lex. Regional held in November. They informed our Board that the Louisville Unit had voted to change the site of the Regional from the Horseshoe Casino in Indiana to the Ramada Inn on Hurstbourne Lane in Louisville due to many complaints of the smoking policy at the Casino. After much discussion and explanations, they asked that we support them in their request to the District Board to allow this proposal to proceed as of the 2012 tournament which would require breaking our contract with Horseshoe. They stated that any expenses incurred by breaking the contract at this late date would be covered by the Ramada. Pres. Terrell Holt thanked them for their presentation and said we would discuss it and let them know our decision. They then left the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45PM 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 14 members present.) Terrell asked the board to try to stay on topic so we could get through the meeting on time. He also thanked all the board members for their hard work and help on all Unit business over the year.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Sec. Kathy Linck presented the minutes from Oct. 15, 2011 at Pine Mtn, Sectional. Kathy noted two corrections that had come to her: 1) P.6 - New Business, Item 9 - Insert **NON** in title which will then read "New Non-Life Master Tournament"; 2) In the attachment to the Minutes, the date for the 2012 Pine Mtn. Sec. should be Sept. 7- Sept. 9. Terrell asked for approval of the minutes as corrected. Director Sandra Marlin moved the minutes be approved as corrected. **Approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treas. Anita Pettus presenting:

1. Pine Mtn. Sectional 2011 final report - This report shows a final Profit of \$590.71 which is an increase of last year's tournament profit. Report will be filed for audit.
2. Unit Financial report summary - Anita sent this report out previously. She found the \$.09 error that she had mentioned that was keeping her out of balance and that has been corrected. Everything is up to date except a refund deposited today from ACBL for new memberships. More information has been added about

our CD's at the bottom. Terrell stated that a new line item will be added entitled Sectional Hospitality Committee. In the past, money left over from donations to our sectional hospitality has been passed from one hospitality chairman to the next one. From now on, the money will be given to the treasurer, to be used by the next hospitality committee as needed, along with the \$250 budgeted by the board for this committee. Our net worth, which includes the checkbook balance and all investments, is \$56,921.52. Report will be filed for audit.

3. Regional Financial report - Terrell stated that we had another profitable Regional tournament at the Horseshoe Casino in 2011 even though the attendance was down 11%. This was due mainly to the concessions that Horseshoe gave us. Our Unit 164 proceeds from the Regional are \$10,000. The report indicates there is a balance of \$4,725.87 in the Regional bank account to begin this year's tournament with. Anita does the bookkeeping for this combined Lou./Lex. Regional tournament, also.

#### **Cabin Fever Tournament Report - Co-Tourn. Chairman Ray Linck reporting.**

Ray stated that the tournament is going great with no problems to report. We are up 9 tables at this time compared to last year. Our volunteers have been working hard and the hotel employees have been very helpful. Leftovers from hospitality room will be taken to the club as the club members have been very generous in their donations, again, for our hospitality room. Anita mentioned that the temperature of the room continues to be a problem - reports of too hot or too drafty being heard by many people. It is suggested that the extra lights not be used. Kathy reported that a \$50 monetary award will be given to the highest point earner (\$25 if there is a tie).

#### **Committee Reports**

1. Education: Director Sandra Marlin reporting.
  - a) Bridge in a Day - Sandra, Mike, Terrell and Sondra went to Somerset to conduct a "Bridge in a Day" session. They had 32 people there but Sandra has not been able to talk to anyone from there to see what has happened with those people. Terrell will ask Mike Wayman for a report on their retention rate. Terrell has also talked to John Kennedy and Doris Robinson about doing the program in Corbin area but they need to find the place and a convenient time. Terrell then reported that the retention rate from Lexington's "Bridge in a Day" was 34%. He has a list of whether they are playing or what class they are taking. Over the years, this has been the activity that has brought more people into our club and the most that have ever stayed for lessons or games.
  - b) Versailles after school program has not started. Maybe will start as soon as PTA President is well again.
  - c) Seaton Church class has not started yet.

- d) Rosa Parks has not started yet. Chuck Ellinger has a grandson there and wants to help get classes going at that school. He is in Fla. now but will talk to Sandra more about it when he gets back.
  - e) Chuck Dean reported that another of Chuck Ellinger's grandsons is at Dunbar and the Academic coach has been teaching a bridge class with about 12 students. Chuck Dean has been helping and supplying this coach with supplies and the coach has applied to ACBL for funds. This coach has kids from the whole state that will be playing at our club in May after school is out
  - f) Sandra has been elected to the ACBL National Education Foundation. Her first meeting will be at the Memphis National and she will be looking at Grant Applications and deciding who should get this money. This should help us to learn how to write these grants and perhaps we will be able to get some money for education purposes in the future.
2. Membership: Secretary Kathy Linck reporting:
- a) Total of our Unit Membership is at 362. It varies up and down from that number every month,
  - b) We have sent out 32 welcome letters to new members with 3 free play passes since the inception of this program in January of 2011. However, Anita reported that not one has been turned in by the clubs for reimbursement. Terrell suggested that we make a decision as to whether to keep this program going at our May meeting
3. Audit: Sandra Marlin reporting  
Audit has not been done. It is not due until June 30<sup>th</sup>. She will have a report on that at the May meeting.
4. Youth Camp: Terrell and Chuck reporting for Director Georgia Ringo  
Georgia will be having two classes this year - one advanced and one for beginners. She will need more help this year - teachers and aides.

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Life Master for Life: Terrell clarified through ACBL that whether or not you are a Life Master you must pay your annual dues to keep your status as Life Master.
- 2. Chair for May Sectional: Terrell and Jackie will be the chairs.
- 3. U.K. Bridge Club: Director Charlie Seelbach reported no progress on this Club. Director Sue Bullard suggested we try "Bridge in a Day" as a way to encourage interest in Bridge at U.K. Director Ken Katen suggested that we try this at Transylvania also since we have a good contact there through Jennifer Williams. Charlie will check with Michael Jones and report at next meeting.
- 4. Sectional Tournament Sanctions: There is still a problem with the 2016 May Sectional as Cincinnati wants that time for their Regional. Terrell will bring this to

the District Board at their next meeting and fight for that date for us. Sue suggested that once they are allowed to have this date for a Regional, we will lose this date forever.

5. Reward for Sectional Play: Chuck reported that he has not had a response from ACBL as to whether they can provide us with the info necessary to implement his proposal presented at our last meeting. However, Terrell has suggested that we reward winners at the end of each Sectional in all categories (A,B, C, D) as we do now just for one overall winner. Many other suggestions were brought forward to reward players, encourage attendance, and to make novices feel welcome at all our Sectional tournaments. Kathy moved that for the next three Sectional tournaments starting at the May Sectional, the Unit pay \$50 to the overall winners in each category, A,B,C,D., and we will re-evaluate this as an incentive for increased attendance at our May 2013 meeting. **Approved**

### **New Business**

1. Nomination Committee. Terrell has appointed this committee: Sandra Marlin chairman with members Brad Walden and Donna Loeffler. Thus far Pres. Terrell, Treas. Anita, Sec. Kathy, and Directors Ken and Charley have agreed to run for another term. We are uncertain whether Vice President John Kennedy and Director Lamar Hamilton will be willing to run again. The question of a by-law amendment clarifying the wording of whether the Secretary and Treasurer need to stand for re-election, was discussed but not settled.
2. District 11 Board Meeting Report: Terrell reporting:  
See Attachment 1 for this report.
3. Prizes for Sectional Tournaments: This discussion will be tabled until we try our approved change concerning overall prizes for the next year and discuss that change and other prizes we may initiate at the Jan. 2013.
4. New Directory: Terrell will talk to Donna and Steve Dunlevy and get a quote from them to do the Directory. They did it last time.
5. Chair for the Cabin Fever Sectional 2013: Terrell will be looking for a chair(s) for that tournament.
6. New Non-Life Master Tournament: This tournament will be held in Lexington on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. It should be a great event.
7. Contracts for the Ramada for 2014 and beyond: Terrell reported for Georgia that she has contacted the old Holiday Inn South (I-75 at Athens-Boonesboro Rd.) which is now a Best Western. They would give us a conference room and two hospitality rooms free if we book 25 rooms each night of the tournament (Fri. and Sat.). If we don't have that many sleeping rooms booked, these rooms would cost us a \$1000 a night. The conference room and two small rooms at the Ramada now costs an average \$500 a day. Terrell has asked Georgia to talk to Betty Fowler at the Ramada to see if we can get better rates for our playing rooms, for the

sleeping rooms for those attending the tournament and if we can bring our own coffee for Friday and Sunday. Many people are getting very cheap rooms at very good hotels in the area from Priceline on the computer. Georgia will continue to look at other places and will bring other ideas and choices to us in May.

8. Proposal for Louisville/Lexington Regional: As we heard from our guests at the beginning of the meeting, the Louisville Unit has voted to discontinue having our Lou./Lex. Regional at the Horseshoe Casino, immediately. After much discussion concerning the new proposed venue and our obligations to the signed contracts with the Horseshoe Casino, we decided to support Louisville in their endeavors to change the location of this tournament as soon as it is feasible or when the District Board will allow us to make the change.

Ken moved the meeting be adjourned. There being no disagreement, the meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Kathy Linck***

Kathy Linck  
Secretary

DRAFT: Feb. 16, 2012