

UNIT 164 – BLUEGRASS SECTIONAL

Minutes of the May 19, 2012 Meeting
Held at the Ramada Inn Lexington, KY

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

Guest: Jackie Merkel

Absent: Ken Katen, Sue Bullard

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 - 12 of 14 members present.)

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Sec. Kathy Linck presented the minutes from Jan. 21, 2012 at the Cabin Fever Sectional. Terrell asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Director Chuck Dean moved for the approval of the minutes. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Treas. Anita Pettus presenting:

1. Cabin Fever Sectional final report - This report shows a final Profit of \$1069.11 and a total of 253.5 tables. Terrell asked Anita to report the past table count on these final reports. Anita will provide that information in the future. **(Note: 2011 Table count for the Cabin Fever Sectional was 234)** The report will be filed for audit.
2. Unit Financial report summary - Anita sent this report out previously and there were only a couple of changes. Anita mentioned that the CD at BB&T is the money that cannot be used except for the next National Tournament to which we would be a partner in. Anita answered some questions as to several line items. Our net worth, which includes the checkbook balance and all investments, is \$57,305.53. Report will be filed for audit. As a side item, Anita mentioned that she had received her 1st thank you note for the \$50 sent to a new life master from Martha Foster.

Bluegrass Sectional Tournament Report - Co-Tourn. Chairman, Jackie Merkel reporting.

Jackie stated that the tournament is going fine and Bridge Dir. Jay Albright has told her we are up 12 tables at this time compared to last year. There are still many complaints about the heat in the playing room even though we are using no extra lighting at this tournament.

Committee Reports

1. Education: Director Sandra Marlin reporting.
 - a) Bridge in a Day - 'Learn Bridge in a Day' is scheduled for Sat. June 2nd in Russell Springs and is being planned by Wes Bottoms. Sandra is helping and will be there to help teach and run the program. Lexington is planning another 'Bridge in a Day' in Aug. Sondra Holt and the Lex. Board are working on that. London/Corbin is still trying to schedule a date for Bridge in a Day. They will be in contact with Sandra when they have a date.
 - b) National Ed. Committee - Sandra attended her first National Education Committee meeting at the Memphis National Tournament. The committee approved \$30,000 in grant matching funds in answer to many requests. She encouraged us to come up with requests to the committee for bridge educational activities. She will send us by e-mail a synopsis of some of the grants that were requested and approved.
 - c) Versailles after school program did not happen this year because of problems with the PTA.
 - d) Seaton Church class has not started yet but may happen in the future.
2. Membership: Kathy and Terrell reporting:
 - a) Total of the Unit Membership as of our latest In-Out Report is 372.
 - b) We have sent out 46 welcome letters to new members with 3 free play passes since the inception of this program in January of 2011.
 - c) Anita reported that she is finally paying for the free games to the Lexington Bridge club but none of the other clubs have turned in any Free Play cards for reimbursement. Terrell asked if we should continue this program. Chuck moved that we continue the program. **Approved.**
3. Audit: Sandra reporting:
The Fiscal 2010 Treasurer Financial Statements Audit has been done and no problems were found. She will write an approval letter for filing.
4. Publicity Committee:
No report.
5. Youth Camp: Director Georgia Ringo reporting:
The Ads for the 2012 Camp have appeared in the paper. There will be two levels this year as there are several repeats from the past camps. Sandra and Georgia will cover the advanced level and many other people will be handling the beginning level. Georgia felt that she may need more funds this year. Kathy moved that our Unit cover all expenses for the Camp. **Approved.**

Old Business:

1. Sectional Tournament Sanctions: There are no new sanction dates approved at this time.
2. Update on Cinn./Lex. date conflict for 2016: Terrell reported that this conflict is still pending, however, Cincinnati has agreed to look for a date in June that will not interfere with our May date which we have had for over 30 years. Terrell insisted that the District Board not allow Cincinnati to take our May date.
3. 299'er Section at Unit Sectional Tournaments: It was pointed out that although we talked about guaranteeing a 299'er section at our Sectional tournaments, we did not make a decision on how we would handle this. Chuck moved that if we have at least 3 tables of 299'ers, we will have a special section for them. If we don't have enough for 3 tables, any 299'ers who are there can play in the open game FREE. **Approved.**
4. Update of Lou./Lex. Regional Venue: The 2012 Regional will continue to be held at the Horseshoe Casino but beginning in 2013, the new site will be the Ramada on Hurst borne Lane in Louisville, at least for that year.
5. U.K. Bridge Club: Director Charlie Seelbach reported still no progress on this Club. It was again suggested that we try 'Bridge in a Day' during orientation in Sept. Charlie will see if Michael Jones can help with this idea.
6. Non-Life Master Tournament: This tournament will be held in Lexington on July 28th and 29th, 2012. It is ready to go and we are hoping for a big turnout. Andra Gyor and several others have done a great job.

PAUSE FOR DINNER - 5:12pm

RESUME MEETING - 5:30pm

7. Mentor/mentee Games at Lex. Club: Terrell discussed the Mentor/Mentee games at the clubs, in particular the Lexington Bridge Club. Should the Unit play for the Mentors game that are playing free? Anita moved that we do nothing to support the current Mentor/Mentee game at the Lex. Bridge club. **Approved**
Note: As always, we would like to encourage all clubs in our Unit to work towards having any type of games that might increase membership and we will help them with anything they might need to foster their endeavors.

New Business

1. Nomination Committee: Sandra reporting
 The slate is as follows: Pres: Terrell Holt; V.Pres: John Kennedy; Treas: Anita Pettus; Sec: Kathy Linck; Directors: Ken Katen, Charlie Seelbach, and Lamar Hamilton.
 Sandra will present this slate at the General Membership Meeting tomorrow for approval.
2. District 11 Board Meeting Report: Terrell reporting:
 See Attachment 1 for this report.

3. New Directory: Terrell has talked do Donna and Steve Dunlevy about once again printing this Directory. They can do this for \$600 which includes printing and shipping. Chuck suggested that the directories be brought to Pine Mt. Sectional for distribution. Terrell will try to do this. He also asked that Clubs encourage all members to make sure their information is up to date with ACBL because that is the source of the information in these directories..
4. Chair for Cabin Fever Sectional - 2013: Darryl Bennett and Ken Katen will be the co-chairmen.
5. Contracts for Lexington Sectionals Status : Georgia reported on the status of her endeavor to locate a new location for our Sectionals. She, Terrell and Sondra looked at the Best Western on Athens-Boonesboro Road at I-75. They all feel the facilities there are much nicer than this Ramada location. It is handicapped accessible, completely renovated, will charge less for the ballroom in January than what we will have to pay here at the Ramada, there is no charge for any auxiliary rooms and if we book 25 rooms each night they will give us the ballroom free. The sleeping rooms at the Best Western are less expensive (\$69 a night). The question was asked as to what the penalty would be if we cancelled our contract with the Ramada for next year and moved to the Best Western. It would appear that we would have no penalty if we cancel more than 90 days before the tournament. Anita moved that we move the Sectional venue to the Best Western in 2013 and beyond. Approved. Chuck moved that we authorize Georgia and Terrell to negotiate a contract with Geneva at the Best Western and to make sure that we will have no further obligation to the Ramada if we cancel with them. Approved
6. Contracts for Pine Mnt. Sectional Status: Lamar reported that they have contracts out to 2015. The date for this year is a week earlier, Sept. 7th to the 9th but will return to the 2nd week next year.
7. Caddy Fee Increase: We pay a gratuity \$25 at this time and there has been discussion that this is too low since this is what we have paid for 15 or more years. Kathy moved that we pay a minimum of \$30 per session to our caddies beginning at Pine Mtn. Approved
8. Budget for FY 2012: Due to some changes in budgetary items, this discussion on the proposed budget FY2012 will be postponed to our next meeting at Pine Mtn. Terrell will send the changed proposed Budget before the next meeting to all Board members.
9. Sectional Game Times All the Same: Katie moved that all the times within a Sectional Tournament be the same. Approved (i.e. Friday daytime and nighttime game times be the same as Saturday daytime and nighttime game times.)
10. Types of Pair games at Sectionals: After much discussion, Katie moved that whichever type of pair game(2 single sessions or 1 double session) awards the most points will be the kind of games we will have in the future and it will not be left up

to the discretion of the tournament chairmen. **Approved.** Terrell will check this out with Jay Albright (National Director) or with ACBL.

11. Accomplishments of Unit 164 FY 2011: See Attachment 2. For this report.
12. New Monitor Reporter: Terrell reported that the author of the articles for the Monitor, Harry Gordon, has decided to give that up and Claudia Haller has agreed to take this position. All Club managers should report all 'news' to her which should include pictures. This will be a volunteer position.
13. Request from Somerset Club: Katie requested 5 new card tables for the Somerset Club. Sandra moved that the Somerset Club buy 5 new card tables and send Anita the bill. **Approved.**

Kathy moved the meeting be adjourned. There being no disagreement, the meeting adjourned at 6:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linck

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Secretary

DRAFT: June 28, 2012