

**UNIT 164 –PINE MOUNTAIN SECTIONAL**  
Minutes of the September 8, 2012 Meeting  
Held at the Pine Mountain Lodge, Pineville, KY

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

**Guest:** Andra Gyor

**Absent:** Ken Katen, Wes Bottom, Anita Pettus

The meeting was called to order at 5:35PM by Pres. Terrell Holt.

(The By-laws require a 'majority' of Board members present to conduct the business of the Unit. Quorum established - 11 of 14 members present.)

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Sec. Kathy Linck presented the minutes from May 19, 2012 Bluegrass Sectional meeting as corrected by e-mail. Terrell asked for other corrections to the minutes. There being none, Director Lamar Hamilton moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. **Approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Terrell presenting:

1. Bluegrass Sectional final report - This report shows a final Profit of \$642.16 and a total of 229.5 tables. The report will be filed for audit.
2. Non-Life Master Tournament - Andra Gyor, NLM Tournament Chair reported that there was a very good turnout of about 100 people in two days with 2 single pair sessions on Sat. and a two session Swiss on Sunday. They did a lot of advertizing and she believes that everyone had a great time and with word of mouth advertizing, next year's tournament will be even bigger. There were 66.5 tables and a profit of \$1152.03. This is mainly due to the low overhead expenses (tournament held at Lexington Bridge Club, local director, etc.) and Andra ran a raffle and made a \$1.00 on each box lunch sold for a total of \$257 profit on these two items. Terrell and several members of the Board commended Andra for her hard work and success. This financial report will be filed for audit
3. Unit Financial report for Fiscal year 2011 through 2012: Treasurer Anita Pettus sent this report out previously and it shows a Net Worth of \$56,180.29 with all of our CD's and Money Market accounts listed on the left side at the bottom of this report. Director Georgia Ringo inquired about some expenses for Ads and other expenses from Bridge Camp that have not be refunded in particular to Lynn Frederick but it is believed that there is a check for Lynn at the Club. It will be mailed to her as she is out for an undermined amount of time due to surgery. This fiscal year final report will be filed for audit.

4. Current Financial report - This report only shows a couple of months and there is not much to discuss on it yet.
5. FY 2011 Taxes - The taxes will be filed as soon as Anita gets back from vacation and then the FY 2011 Reports will be ready for audit.

### **Pine Mountain Sectional report** - Lamar reporting

We are down in attendance of 7 tables yesterday and with the power outage and therefore, no KO's this AM, we will be down even more tables - maybe about 20 tables. Further discussion on the tournament will be held in 'New Business' later in the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### 1. Education: Director Sandra Marlin reporting:

- a) Bridge in a Day - 'Learn Bridge in a Day' was held in Russell Springs and there were 21 people in attendance. Unfortunately, there has been no follow up (i.e. lessons) with these people so they have fallen by the wayside. There was a 'Bridge in a Day' held several weeks ago in Lex. and 66 were in attendance. The teachers have picked up many students from this and we will continue to follow these attendees and students. London/Corbin has no plans at this time to have a 'Bridge in a Day' session. Sondra stated that it is a fact that if you don't have a teacher and classes ready to begin, Bridge in a Day will not be an effective tool to gain members in your club.
- b) Versailles after school program is defunct
- c) Seaton Church class has not gotten off the ground.

#### 2. Membership: Kathy reporting:

- a) Total of the Unit Membership as of our latest In-Out Report is 386 which is down a few from the previous month. This number is up and down for various reasons but does not vary.
- b) We have sent out 66 welcome letters to new members with 3 free play passes since the inception of this program in January of 2011 and 42 for this year to date.

#### 3. Audit: Sandra reporting:

Sondra read her official letter reporting that she had completed her financial review of the Treasurer's reports for FY2010 and found them to be in order and correct as submitted. She will send this to Anita for her records.

#### 4. Ethics Committee: Director Katie Easom reporting.

No activity.

#### 5. Publicity Committee: No Chairman - Terrell reporting

There was an ad on Bridge Base on Line about our Pine Mtn. Sectional. The ad costs \$25 per state that it is run in. For this tournament, it ran in Ky., Tenn., and Ohio.

It came up 313,429 times for 3 minutes each time. There were 151 hits on it. There will be a similar ad running soon on the Nov. Lex./Lou. Regional.

6. Youth Camp: Director Georgia Ringo reporting:  
This was our eighth year of running this camp. There were 22 kids registered but 2 dropped out right away. There were twelve kids in the final tournament. The problem seems to be that the camp drags out over the one month period. Next year it will be held the first 2 weeks in June on Monday through Thursday. Teachers are needed to cover the advanced section. The materials are available but people are needed those two weeks. ACBL has sent money for the teachers for last year and this year. Georgia will be depositing some of the money in the Bridge Camp Account for future use.

### Old Business:

1. Sectional/Regional Tournament Sanctions: Terrell presented the District 11 Tournament Calendar through 2017. The Grand National Teams event has been handwritten in as that had be left out of the original sent from the District Board. This will be held in Lexington in 2014. There is no concern about having enough space at the Lex. Club for this event. As a side note: John Jensen and Suanne Blair, from our Unit, placed in a National event recently and received 23 gold points.
2. Proposal Unit Budget for 2012: This budget includes high expenses such as our Youth Camp, player development, advertisements for classes and special events. Director Chuck Dean moved that we approve the Proposed Budget for 2012. Approved.
3. Chairs for the Cabin Fever Tournament - 2013: This tournament will be chaired by Ken Katen and Darryl Bennett. The guarantee approved at our last meeting for a 299'er game will be in effect for this Sectional as well as all future Sectionals. That is: If we have least 3 tables of 299er's, 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.
4. UK Bridge Club Status: Director Charley Seelbach reported that there is not really any progress on furthering Bridge at UK. Several new players joined in a game for a couple of hours that Charley had going recently. One of them takes classes with Georgia and Charley brought a new student to the Mentor/Mentee game recently. Terrell suggested we think about doing a "Learn Bridge in a Day" game at UK someday. A "Free Lunch" might be an incentive.
5. Lexington Sectional Contracts (2013/2014): Georgia reported that the contracts are signed for the next two years at the Best Western on Athen-Boonesboro Road.

This is a nice facility with easy access to the playing area. It should be less money and is very clean with plenty of restrooms.

6. Update on Lex./Cinn conflicting tournament dates in 2016: This conflict has been resolved. Cinn. has agreed to move their date to June and Terrell has thanked them at the District Board meeting.
7. Status of Lou./Lex. Regional Venue: This problem is NOT resolved. The District Board made a decision to not grant Lou./Lex. a sanction to hold the tournament at the Ramada in Lou. The facility must be equal to or better than the Horseshoe casino. The Boards will continue to look for a facility that meets this mandate.

### **New Business**

1. Results of Election held May 2012: Sandra reporting  
The slate was elected as presented out of committee and a new listing of the current Board with their new term dates has been provided. The Minutes of the General meeting should probably be presented for approval at our next General Meeting in May.
2. District 11 Board Meeting Report from Aug. 2012: Terrell reporting:  
See **Attachment 1** for this report.
3. Upcoming Key tournament dates for Unit 164: See **Attachment 2** for this report.
4. New Directory: Steve Dunlevy has sent a rough draft of the Directory to Terrell. They will get this finished and Terrell will make sure that all the clubs get copies as soon as possible.
5. Chair for the May Spring Sectional 2013: Sondra and Terrell will chair that Sectional.
6. Open Pairs at Sectionals (2 sessions vs. 2 single sessions): Terrell reported that he talked to Director Jay Albright and was told that you get more points for 2 single sessions than you do for one double session. Therefore, in the future we will have only single sessions.
7. Pine Mtn. Venue problems: A long discussion began concerning the problems with the Pine Mtn. tournament. The following points were discussed:
  - a) This State Park is not handicap friendly - too many steps and stone sidewalks.
  - b) There is little help with luggage for handicapped people. Chuck suggested that high school students be asked to come to help with luggage for tips.
  - c) Many people felt the food was terrible at times and good other times.
  - d) The rooms are too expensive for the quality. They are as expensive as some of the really nice hotels at the Atlanta tournament that was held over Labor Day week-end.

- e) We have now experienced two power outages in three years and this makes hard to even to break even financially on the tournament. There is no generator back up even to make coffee in the morning when this happens
- f) Some people love this venue and would not want it to change.
- g) There does not seem to be enough rooms or cabins for us. Sue suggested that the Unit reserve extra rooms for those who don't decide to come until a couple weeks ahead of time.

It was suggested that a survey be taken of the Unit to see what suggestions and opinions the membership might have. Terrell also appointed a committee of John Kennedy, Marsha Barnett and Terrell to look at alternative sites. Lamar will check with the Pine Mtn. staff as to why last year's bookings were not honored, especially the handicapped reservations, and what the cancellation fee would be if we decide to change venues.

- 8. Kathy gave all Board members a copy of the Unit 164 Charter and a map outlining the counties that are included in our Unit.

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

Respectfully submitted,

***Kathy Linck***

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Secretary

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