

**UNIT 164 – Cabin Fever Sectional**  
Minutes of the January 19, 2013 Meeting  
Held at the Quality Inn, Lex., KY

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

**Guest:** Darryl Bennett

**Absent:** Ken Katen, Katie Easom, Wes Bottom, Sandra Marlin,

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.)

**First Order of Business:** Pres. Terrell Holt thanked all members of the Board for their continued hard work of behalf of the Unit

**Minutes:**

Treasurer Kathy Linck noted the corrections that had come to her by e-mail and Treasurer Anita Pettus noted a correction to her report of the final Profit amount from the Non Life Master tournament of July 2012. That amount should be \$952.03. A late expense was given to her after her initial report. Director Chuck Dean moved the minutes be approved as corrected and amended. **Approved**

A new Unit 164 Club Managers report was handed to Board Members. There has been a change in Somerset. The new Club Manager is Katie Easom.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anita reporting

1. Pine Mountain Sectional - there was a \$653.24 loss due mainly to loss of power, lower attendance and one unusual expense for the BBO ad.
2. Regional Tournament report - This report is not quite complete but each unit has received \$10,000 so it was very successful again. Table count was up 13.5%. Expenses were up but still a nice profit was made. Advertizing and hospitality room expenses were up. There will be \$5400 in the account to begin next year with.
3. Unit 164 report - There are still some outstanding bills to be paid but as of this report our net worth \$62,090.13. The 1<sup>st</sup> Federal CD will be up this month and Anita would like guidance as to how she should re-invest this money and whether she should add to it.
4. The 2011 taxes were mailed in October.

These reports were accepted and will be filed for audit.

### **Sectional Tournament Report:**

Tournament Chair Darryl Bennett reported earlier that the tournament is going fine but we are down about 12 tables. There are a few problems but Terrell feels that these can be easily solved and our table count will go back up in the future. All in all, the facility is much better and Director Georgia Ringo is to be commended on locating this hotel for the Unit tournaments.

### **Committee Reports**

1. Education: Terrell reporting
  - a. Director Sandra Marlin is planning another Bridge in A Day at the Lexington Club. No date has been set as that will depend on the teacher's schedule so that classes will be available right after the Bridge in A Day is held.
  - b. The member/guest games and mentor/mentee games continue at the Lex. Club and continue to do well.
  - c. Sandra has been appointed Vice President of the Education Foundation for ACBL. This is the committee that gives grants to clubs and units for bridge education purposes.
2. Membership: Kathy reporting  
Our membership number is down a little from last reporting due to "Snowbird" fluctuation so the total as of this month's report is 379 which is still up compared to last year at this time which was 362.
3. Ethics: No activity therefore no report.
4. Youth Camp: Director Georgia Ringo reporting
  - a) We are changing our timing on the camp this year. It will be the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks after school is out.
  - b) Georgia, Peggy Saunier and Chuck Dean will be the main teachers but will need adults in the room to help the teachers.
  - c) We will not have a separate advance camp as not enough show up each time to make a table but it would be nice to have more adults helping so that the advanced students could be taken aside just to let them learn by playing with regular bridge players.

### **Old Business**

1. Regional and Sectional Sanctions: Terrell has handed out an updated calendar. The only thing missing from the calendar is the 2014 GNT at the Lexington Club but Terrell has penciled it in. There is no problem according to A.J. Stephani even though it is not printed in the calendar.

2. May 2013 Spring Sectional: Sondra and Terrell will be the co-chairs of this tournament.
3. U.K. Bridge Club Status: There is no update at this time as Director Charley Seelbach is not sure of where he will be in the future.
4. Louisville/Lexington Nov. Regional Venue: As it stands now, the tournament will be held at the Horseshoe Casino on the even years and at the Ramada, Hurstborne Lane, on the odd years for the next 4 years. A survey will be taken for the next two years to see what the opinions are of the people who attend. After that a final decision will be made as to what site we will continue at. At that time, our Unit can decide whether we want to continue with the combined Regional.
5. July 2013 NLM Tournament: The tournament will be held again this year and Andra Gyor has everything arranged and is ready to roll on the 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> of July. The times of the games will be changed this year to 10AM and 3PM to accommodate those driving a long distance home each day.
6. New Unit Directories: The directories are finished and handed out. Terrell believes the job can be done cheaper at Office Max. The cost this year was \$926 but after the job was completed Terrell checked with Office Max and they priced the job at \$650. This will need to be done again in 2015 so Terrell recommends that whoever does this job at that time should check with Office Max.
7. 'Single Session' pair games at Tournament: An error was made in the flyer for this tournament that listed Friday games as a double session. This is in conflict with an approved motion at our May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and also re-stated at our Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting that we will only have single session Open Pairs as these give more points overall. The May Sectional flyer has been printed but has not been distributed or printed in the Monitor. Chuck moved that we print a 'revised' flyer' with this correction as long as this change is allowed by ACBL. **Approved**
8. 0-50 Master Point free game: Several players felt that they should get a free game every time they buy a game during the tournament. This was not our intent but the wording on the flyer was ambiguous. Chuck suggested the following wording: *On Friday or Saturday, players with 0 -50 master points will receive one free play after one entry.* Therefore, this will be corrected on the re-printed flyers. Also, Director Sue Bullard suggested that these changes be announced several times at the Lexington Club.

### **New Business:**

1. Report from Alternate Site Committee for Pine Mtn. Tournament: Director Lamar Hamilton reporting.
  - a) 500 people were sent surveys and 107 were sent back. A summary of the results is included in our packet. Because of the results of this survey, the

committee recommends that we continue to hold the tournament at Pine Mtn.

- b) Lamar has also included a proposed letter to be sent to all members of the unit which summarizes the results of the survey, explains why we will continue to have the tournament at Pine Mtn. and what will be done to help correct some of the complaints. Several suggestions were made for changes to the letter and also, as Lamar has done in the past, that the letter only be sent to those who have attended the tournament in the last 3 years. Labels can be gotten from ACBL for this. Terrell will get the labels for Lamar
- c) Terrell will contact ACBL about whether Lex. Club Member, Jackie Merkel is eligible to direct this tournament. This will be less expensive as she is closer to Pine Mtn. than other directors and she will be good for the newer players.

2. Nominating Committee for 2013:

Terrell has asked Donna Leoffler and Brad Walden to be on that committee and he will find someone on the Board to be the Chairman as required by the by-laws.

3. Audit Committee for 2011 Taxes:

Sandra Marlin is out of town. When she gets back, she and Director Bill McClain will meet with Anita to complete the audit.

4. Proposal for purchase of Dealing Machine for Unit:

Terrell presented a proposal to share the purchase with the Lexington Bridge Club of a new dealing machine to be used at our Sectionals and the annual Regional with Louisville. His proposal points out that it is more feasible to purchase than to keep paying rental fees as we have been doing. After four years, we would have paid for the cost of the machine. Many users of the dealing machines are getting over 100,000 deals out of it so it has a proven long life. It would not be sitting in storage between tournaments because it would be used alternately with the Lex. Bridge Club's machine or as a backup to their machine. The Unit cost would be half of the cost of the machine or about \$2300. Chuck moved to accept the recommendation as presented by Terrell. **Approved**

5. Contracts for the Lexington Sectionals for 2015/2016.

We are pretty satisfied with the present location for this tournament except for several items. Georgia will discuss these items with the Best Western staff and probably sign the contracts for 2015/2016 if they agree to the suggested improvements.

6. ACBL Recommended Investment Strategy for Non-Profits.

Terrell presented a report from the ACBL National Board which now allows for some equity investments (up to 25%) with built-in percentage and rating safeguards. Terrell has asked for more details on this as we are only getting about .5% on our CD's and perhaps these approved investments would help to get a higher return, if they are safe. Our Director Ken Katen is looking into this for the Lexington Club's CD's and Terrell will talk to him about the Unit's CD's also.

7. Pine Mtn. Tournament contracts for the future.

Lamar reported that we have contracts through 2015. This is good enough at this point.

8. Cabin Fever Tournament for 2014.

We need a chair for this tournament. Please think about it and make suggestions to Terrell of someone who could do this, preferably someone on this Board.

9. District 11 Nov. 2012 Board Meeting Report.

Our packet contains this meeting report. One important item from this report concerns the Midwest Monitor which will probably be changing to an electronic format in the near future. This could save the District and Units many dollars per year. Kit Overpeck has resigned as GNT/NAP coordinator and anyone interested in that position should e-mail the District 11 Pres. Bill Sentment. The District Treasurer reported a cash balance of \$24,081.16.

10. NABC Board Meeting Report from Beth Reid.

Terrell has included Beth Reid's NABC Board Meeting Report in our packet. Please read it.

11. Other New Business.

Kathy discussed her feeling that the Unit should stop asking the Lexington Bridge Club to donate money for the luncheon on Saturdays during our Sectional and that it should just be funded by our Treasury. This would be one way we could 'give back' to those who attend the Sectional as we continue to make a profit on all of our tournaments with only a few exceptions. There did not seem to be much support for this suggestion, therefore we will continue to fund this as we have in the past.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Linck  
Secretary

DRAFT: Feb. 28, 2013