

**UNIT 164 – Bluegrass Sectional**  
Minutes of the May 18, 2013 Meeting  
Held at the Quality Inn, Lex., KY

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

**Absent:** Georgia Ringo, Katie Easom, Wes Bottom.

The meeting was called to order at 4:47PM 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:**

Secretary Kathy Linck stated that she had received no corrections by e-mail to the Minutes and there being no corrections at this time, Director Chuck Dean moved the minutes be approved as presented. **Approved**

Kathy proposed that the Minutes from the General Meeting of a year ago, May 20, 2012 be approved by this Board so that at the meeting tomorrow we can dispense with the reading, discussion and approval of those minutes. Chuck moved that we accept these minutes and ask the general membership to accept our approval. **Approved**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Anita Pettus reporting

1. Unit 164 report - There is nothing to add to the report as presented. Our net worth is \$60,864.12. The CD that has our reserved money for the future NABC is coming due and Anita plans to let that roll over. There are no other CD's coming due until Jan of 2014. There was \$750 donated by Lex. Club members for the hospitality for this Sectional. There being no other comments, the report will be filed for audit.
2. Regional Tournament report - Terrell reported that there is a potential liability of \$3500 for the cancellation of the Regional at the Ramada. This is being negotiated by a lawyer from Louisville and if he cannot get them to waive this fee, Louisville and Lexington will have to split this as there is not enough money in the Regional account to cover it.

**Sectional Tournament Report:**

Tournament Chair Terrell Holt reported that our total tables so far are 139 so with tonight and tomorrow, total table count will be at about 230 tables which is almost the same as last year for this tournament.

## Committee Reports

1. Education: Director Sandra Marlin reporting
  - a. We will be doing 'Learn Bridge in A Day' at the Lexington Club in August. The member/guest games and mentor/mentee games continue at the Lex. Club and continue to do well.
  - b. Sandra and Mike Marlin are in contact with the principal at the Middle School in Woodford County and he is going to allow them to start a Bridge Club there next year. Leon Pauley will be helping with this Club.
  - c. The Summer Bridge Camp schedule for this year is set and we will be doing it for 2 straight weeks, Monday thru Thursday, beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students that have participated before will be in a group with Sandra and Mike in the middle room for advanced work and play.
  - d. The National Education Foundation Committee has taken 'Learn Bridge in a Day' as their Model activity. They are going to support this program and fund it through grants. However, there will be requirements that a club must follow in order to get this funding. We need to look into this for funding of our 'Learn Bridge in a Day' events that are now being funded by the Unit.
  - e. Mentor/Mentee games are going very good. Director Bill McClain reported that we had 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  tables last week at this event.
  - f. For Member/Guest games, it has been decided to only do two a year - one daytime and one nighttime.
2. Membership: Kathy reporting
  - a. Our membership number reported for this month is 386 which is up from 376 at this time last year.
  - b. Also, since January, we have sent out new member welcoming letters to 10 new members along with 3 free games to each of them.
3. Audit Report for 2012: Sandra reporting  
Anita and Sandra met recently to go over the Fiscal 2012 books. Sandra found that the books for 2012 were clean and accurate.

## Old Business

1. Regional and Sectional Sanctions: V.Pres. John Kennedy has Sanctions through 2020. The info sent to Terrell from ACBL seems to be incomplete but John feels this is an error on ACBL's part. John will check into this.
2. U.K. Bridge Club Status: Director Charley Seelbach has no update but Sandra would like to see us do 'Learn Bridge in a Day' at U.K. She thinks we can write a request for a grant from ACBL and also, perhaps we can do the same thing at Transylvania.

3. Louisville/Lexington Nov. Regional Venue: We will be having the Regional at the Horseshoe Casino this year and we have contracts signed through 2016.
4. July 2013 NLM Tournament: Andra Gyor has the tournament ready to go and has already been working on the 2014 Tournament
5. Dealing Machine Purchase: The dealing machine has been purchased and is at the Lexington Bridge Club. A \$50 gift certificate was received from the vendor because of prior purchases and this was given back to the Unit treasury. Anita will pay Club Treasurer Tom Spielman for this purchase.

### **New Business:**

1. Report from Nominating Committee: Chairman Sandra Marlin reported the committee selected the following three people for Directors beginning July 1, 2013: Chuck Dean, Andra Gyor and Bob Pemberton. The Unit will vote on this report at the general meeting tomorrow.
2. Audit Committee for 2013 Financials: Terrell appointed Sandra Marlin, Chairman, Bill McClain and Jackie Merkel.
3. New ACBL Requirements on Submitting Flyers: Because there was a lot of confusion over the new ACBL requirements for submitting tournament flyers, ACBL backed down a little and now have an on-line procedure called 'Tourney Trax'. Terrell will help tournament director's work with this program. Terrell believes this will be a big help to us in the future.
4. Lexington Sectional Contracts for 2015/2016: Terrell and Director Georgia Ringo met with the Sales Manager at the Best Western to talk over the contracts for 2015/2016. The manager was not able to finalize any new contracts with us because she was told that she was not suppose to sign a contract earlier than 90 days from the date of the event. However, she will honor the contracts signed for 2014 and Jan. 2015 but we will have to check back later for May 2015. This will continue this way in the future. Terrell believes we should look into other sights (i.e. Holiday Inn North, Coldstream Farm, Lex. Bridge Club). Terrell thinks this is the Unit's biggest problem at this time. We have a year to work on this. There still are some issues with this facility but it has improved from January.
5. Pine Mountain Tourn. For 2013: Director Lamar Hamilton reporting
  - a. Lamar said that everything is good for 2013 but he is concerned that he has to get out flyers for 2014 before we even have this year's tourney. Terrell stated that the ACBL has backed off the '1 year' requirement. It is now 6 to 9 months. Too many people complained about the year requirement.
  - b. Donna Coakler will be the Director in Charge for our sectionals and also for Louisville Sectionals. Jackie Merkel is scheduled to help at all of these

- tournaments so she can get the hours she needs to become a certified National Director.
- c. Lamar has the letter ready to go to all unit members explaining the results of the survey taken earlier. Terrell will make sure that the Lex. Bridge Club members will get the letter.
6. Cabin Fever Tournament for 2014: Chuck and Jackie Merkel have agreed to Co-chair the 2014 Cabin Fever Tournament. The flyers are done.
  7. May Spring Sectional Tournament in 2014: We are looking for chairmen for this tournament and will need to have one in place by the next meeting at Pine Mtn.
  8. District 11 March 2013: Board Meeting Report: Our packet contains this meeting report.
    - a. We are encouraged to go to the District website (district11bridge.com) to get info and to post all tournament flyers there.
    - b. Larry Jones is the new GNT/NAP coordinator for Dist. 11.
    - c. The one year requirement from ACBL for submitting requests for tournaments on "Tourney Trax" has been changed to 6-9 months. The Tourney Trax program and earlier submission time is to help ACBL plan ahead.
    - d. There are several new ACBL requirements for flyers. Every flyer must state on every flyer in the future that "KO's may be handicapped".
    - e. We have been cautioned about announcing and printing that we are giving \$50 awards as prizes for strat leaders. From now on, we will reimburse '5 free games' to the winners. This may be an IRS regulation since this caution came from ACBL.
    - f. It was recommended that the District NAP annual game be separated from the Cinn. Regional event. This will probably happen.
    - g. The Board has approved the split of the Evansville/Cinn. Regional in 2015 and the Evansville/Dayton/Columbus Regional in 2018.
    - h. The District Treasurer reported the current cash balance at \$27,039.34.
    - i. There are many issues concerning the cost of the Midwest Monitor. This is a problem that needs to be resolved. There are many suggestions but it will be discussed further in the future. Lamar moved Unit 164 recommend that the District discontinue sending the Monitor by mail but send it electronically and a copy sent to the individual clubs for them to copy and give to members who cannot get the Monitor by computer. **Approved**
  9. 2013 NABC Board Meeting Report: Terrell has included Beth Reid's NABC Board Meeting Report in our packet. Please read it.
  10. Accomplishments for Unit 164 FY 2012: Attached 1. Please read. Terrell thanked everyone for their work this year.

11. Updated Unit Asset List: There is some question as to what Louisville claims as their assets on IRS filings on our joint assets. That will be looked into by Terrell or Anita. Also, 'work lights' are not included in this report. Terrell will prepare an updated report for next meeting.

12. Proposed Budget for 2013: Attachment 2. Please look it over. It is very similar to last year. It was noted that we would be balanced if the Midwest Monitor was sent electronically.

**Other Business**

There was much discussion about the GNT to be held in Lex. in Jan. Sue was concerned about the space and perhaps we may need to look at using space next door at the dance studio. Terrell feels that we can get more than 30 tables in our club but we will check with the dance studio to see if we can use their space on that Sat.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Linck  
Secretary

DRAFT: July 8, 2013

*Next Meeting:* Pine Mtn. Sept. Sept. 14