

UNIT 164 – Pine Mtn. Sectional
Minutes of the Sept. 14, 2013 Meeting
Held at the Pine Mtn. State Park Lodge

Members Present: Terrell Holt, John Kennedy, Lamar Hamilton, Sandra Marlin, Chuck Dean, Sue Bullard, Andra Gyor, Bob Pemberton, Norma Greeley, Kathy Linck
Absent: Georgia Ringo, Anita Pettus, Charlie Seelbach, Ken Katen

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM 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 welcomed our new members: Andra Gyor, Norma Greeley, Bob Pemberton

Minutes: Secretary Kathy Linck reporting

Kathy stated that she had received several corrections by e-mail to the Minutes. The last copy of the Minutes, sent by e-mail, was the corrected minutes. Director Sandra Marlin moved the corrected minutes be approved. **Approved**

Kathy suggested that the Minutes from the General Meeting of May 19, 2013 be approved. There were some discrepancies in the actual names of the recipients of the awards listed in the General Meeting Minutes as originally presented. Kathy went to the ACBL web site and made the necessary corrections. She will re-check those names and re-send these Minutes to the Board for approval at the Cabin Fever meeting so that at the General meeting in May 2014 we can dispense with the reading, discussion and approval of those minutes and ask the general membership to accept the Board's vote of approval.

Treasurer's Report: Terrell reporting for Treasurer Anita Pettus

1. Bluegrass Sectional report: This was a very successful tournament with a profit of \$2032.66 and 232 tables. This is up from 229.5 tables in 2012.
2. Non Life Masters Tournament report: This also was very successful with a profit of \$1362.33. Kathy suggested we add the total table numbers by year at the bottom. Terrell reported they had 66.5 tables in 2012 and 73.5 tables in 2013. Director Andra Gyor stated that we have had many very positive comments about this NLM tournament and especially about the changes that were made this year.
3. Unit 164 report - Our net worth reflects the purchase of the "Dealing Machine" which we were unable to use at this tournament but we will be using at the regional in Nov. and our other Sectionals next year. The net worth reported is \$58,409.66 vs. beginning net worth of \$56,180.29. Investment status is at the bottom of the report. One of these CD's will be coming due in Jan. and Anita will handle that.

The report will be filed for audit.

Sectional Tournament Report: Tournament Chair Lamar Hamilton reported that we are up 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ tables compared to this time last year because last year we had a power outage which caused a cancellation of KO's on Sat. AM. We are behind in the attendance of our novices as compared to last year therefore we had to give those novices that were here free games on Friday night and Sat. because we could not have a special section for them. It was suggested that we need to find ways to encourage their attendance next year.

Committee Reports

1. Education: Director Sandra Marlin reporting

- a) We had our third 'Learn Bridge in A Day' (LBAD) at the Lexington Club in August. There were 45 guests in attendance. We don't have an up to date report of how many are actually taking lessons but that day there were 6 or 7 who signed up.
- b) The ACBL National Education Comm. has adopted LBAD for the whole country. The country is divided into 10 regions where the committee will send members to teach local people how to teach LBAD. There will be a requirement that anyone who gets funding for this program must have teachers lined up and times set to teach attendees in the future. The committee thinks this is essential for LBAD to be worthwhile. LBAD is just a recruiting tool to get people into formal classes and therefore to grow Bridge in your community. Our Unit provides the money for this event (lunch and supplies) but the Club provides all the worker volunteers.
- c) Director Chuck Dean reported on the Member/Guest games in Lex. It will be coming up at the Lex. Club on the 2nd Tues. in Oct. It is believed that twice a year is enough for this event. Members bring guests who are bridge players but not necessarily duplicate players and they learn the mechanics of duplicate and about our club. Most of the time we get 2 or 3 people who will continue to come to the club to play.
- d) Mentor/Mentee games are continuing every month and are a very popular activity at the Lexington club.
- e) The Marlins are not teaching at any schools at this time.
- f) Terrell still thinks we should be trying to do LBAD at UK and Transy. We should keep this in mind and look to the future for these games.

2. Membership: Kathy reporting

We continue to send letters of welcome and three free bridge games to people who have recently joined ACBL. We get this information from a monthly IN/OUT

report from ACBL. There is another piece of information in this report that Terrell and Kathy think can be put to good use - i.e. Members whose membership has expired. Kathy is now sending out a letter reminding them that their membership has expired and the reasons they should be a member of ACBL. She is doing this after two months of the reported expiration. We hope this will help to bring members back.

3. Ethics Committee Chairman appointment:

Terrell asked for a volunteer for this Chairmanship since our previous Chair has moved out of our Unit. Director Sue Bullard will take this chairmanship.

4. Bridge Camp report - Chuck reporting:

We had another successful Bridge Camp with our new format and many members sharing the teaching/aiding jobs.

Old Business

1. Regional and Sectional Sanctions: V.Pres. John Kennedy has Sanctions through 2020.

2. Update on Lou./Lex. Ramada Problem: Terrell reported that a letter was written about a month ago to the Ramada in Lou. stating that they really owe us money if they wish to pursue their claim of \$3500 from Lou./Lex. Nothing has been heard back from them so as of this time we have no resolution.

3. Lexington Sectional Contracts and Alternate venues: We have contracts through Jan. 2015 at the Best Western however every May from now on we need to re-negotiate for one year. Our back up plan would be to use the Lexington Club with the Dance Studio next door. Terrell has talked to the Dance Studio and they are willing to help us out. Andra will check on the feasibility of the Signature Club however there are no motels close by which is also a problem at our Lexington Club.

New Business:

1. May Spring Sectional Tournament in 2014: We do not have Chairmen for this tournament so Terrell will probably chair it again.

2. What is Happening in Pikeville/Georgetown/Lexington: Several people from Pikeville came to the second LBAD in Lexington and from that experience have called Director Georgia Ringo and asked her to come to Pikeville and teach several ladies duplicate bridge. Georgia stayed there for a week with upwards to 6 tables. They are still working with Georgia on perhaps getting a club started there. In Georgetown, Russ Whitney (a member and director at the Lexington Club) is starting a novice class which he thinks he will have around 8 to 10 people for. Georgia also has been contacted by a party bridge club in Lexington that is interested in duplicate but not at our club, yet. So she is working on dates for her

to teach them at their houses about Duplicate and eventually get them to come to the sanctioned games at the Club.

3. Audit for the FY2013 Financials: Sandra presented the final statement on the Audit for FY2012 but has not begun the Audit of the FY2013 books.
4. GNT Update: Everything is in place for the Grand National Teams which will happen on Jan. 25th and 26th. Sandra and Mike Marlin have been holding 'team strategy' lessons, mostly for Strat 'C' players at the Lexington Club once a month. We have a hospitality committee in place (Liz Wise and Sue Distler) which will probably cost about \$400 - \$500.
5. Proposed Budget for 2013: Terrell presented the finalized proposed budget for 2013-2014. The only changes were to the actual profits of the tournaments. There being no additions or changes, Chuck moved for approval. **Approved**
6. Updated Unit Asset List: There have been three changes to the asset list: Seven flood lights are stored in Kathy and Ray Linck's basement, one new coffee pot has been purchased and a NLM banner was purchased by the Unit and is stored in Andra's attic.
7. ACBL Board Report: This report, written by our Dist. Rep. Beth Reed, is included in our packet. Sandra commended Beth on these reports and on the job she does representing us at the National level. She suggests that when we see her at our Regionals or any time, we should thank her and tell her what a good job she is doing. Sue suggested that we invite her to one of our meetings.
8. District 11 summer 2013: Board Meeting Report: Our packet contains this meeting report.
 - a) Our new ACBL President, Bob Hartman, was in attendance. He reported that the membership has increased over 1000 members this year. It is up to about 156,000. ACBL is beginning to put a lot of emphasis on recruiting college level members and youth.
 - b) There was a lot of discussion about the Midwest Monitor. Bill Sentman has appointed a committee to study this. Terrell will be on this committee. The major drawback to going electronically is that many people do not have computers but the cost now is \$12 per person a year and is really too costly.
 - c) Larry Jones, new NAP and GNT coordinator, reported that the NAP will be held in Cinn. in Oct. and the GNT will be held in Lex. on Jan. 25-26.
 - d) The District Treasurer reported a balance of over \$23,000 in the account.
 - e) There was discussion regarding who will be paid and by whom for attendance at this District Meeting. It was announced that only 2 members from each unit would be paid by the District treasury to attend this meeting and only two members from each unit are voting members.

Other Business:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linck

Secretary

DRAFT: Oct. 24, 2013

Next Meeting: Jan. 18, 2014