

UNIT 164 – Cabin Fever Sectional
Minutes of the Jan. 18, 2014 Meeting
Held at the Quality Inn, Lexington, KY

Members Present: Terrell Holt, Georgia Ringo, Charlie Seelbach, Ken Katen, Sandra Marlin, Chuck Dean, Sue Bullard, Andra Gyor, Norma Greeley, Kathy Linck

Absent: Anita Pettus, John Kennedy, Lamar Hamilton, Bob Pemberton

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM 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 all and thanked everyone for the continued hard work in the last three months.

Minutes: Secretary Kathy Linck reporting

Kathy stated that she had received one correction to the Pine Mtn. Minutes (New Business:Sec.8B) and the last copy of the Minutes sent by e-mail, was the corrected minutes. Terrell mentioned he had corrected the total number of ACBL members to 167,200, also, but it is a fluctuating number. This was noted and will be corrected in the final minutes. Director Sandra Marlin moved the minutes be accepted with the two corrections mentioned. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Terrell reporting for Treasurer Anita Pettus

1. The Unit Financial report has a new line item at the bottom which shows that cash was used to pay the Pine Mtn. bill instead of a check. The Pine Mtn. tournament Report explains in detail the cash payment and other expenses paid for this tournament. Anita closed the money market account since the interest was so low and combined it with a CD that was maturing and purchased a 2 year CD from the Bank of Lexington for \$22,362.75. This is a "no regrets" investment which means that the 1% rate can be raised one time during that 2 year period if rates increase, while the maturing date will stay the same.
2. Non Life Master Tournament report: The final report shows a profit of \$1362.33 and a total of 73.5 tables. Terrell thanked Director Andra Gyor for another 'nice job' with this tournament.
3. Pine Mtn. Tournament report: This report shows a loss of \$457.08 even though our total table number was up slightly. We have lost over \$1000 in the last two years at this tournament. Terrell stated we will talk about this later but he thinks we should keep this tournament going for the benefit of the members in that area and the survey we conducted indicated this.

4. Regional Tournament - This report shows another large profit even though we were down 68 tables but we had many less expenses because of leftover door prizes from the past and much less cost for hospitality room due to Director Georgia Ringo and Judy Bank from Louisville. Terrell stated that they did a phenomenal job. Each unit received \$11,000 and the account still has a balance of \$5,980.73 to cover next year's start-up costs.
5. There is no further action on the Lou. Ramada issues. We have not received a final letter from them but Terrell believes this is a dead issue.
6. Last year's completed financial report is in the packet also, just for comparison purposes and for our information. The current report shows a net worth of \$66,736.72 at this time. Kathy pointed out the increase from the end of year report to this report is about \$8,300 which shows a very healthy growth. With no further discussion about the Treasurer's reports, they will be filed for audit.
7. The last fiscal year taxes were filed with IRS in Nov.

Cabin Fever Tournament Report 2014: Tournament Co-Chair Chuck Dean reported that we are down 4 tables at this time compared to this time last year. The novice game seems to be much bigger this year. We will leave the 'free game' amount at 50 MPs at least for awhile. Terrell commented that he thought the tournament was going very well and thanked the co-chairs Chuck and Russ Whitney.

Committee Reports

1. Education: Sandra reporting
We are going to apply to the ACBL National Foundation committee for a grant to conduct another 'Learn Bridge in a Day' event in Lexington for sometime in Aug. Sandra and Jackie Merkel are working on this request.
2. Membership: Kathy reporting
 - a) Kathy reported that a year ago the Unit 164 membership was 379 and a year later we are 385 members. Kathy feels that we are losing members from our Unit but knows that we are gaining a lot of members at the Lexington Club.
 - b) We only give free games to NEW members not re-instated members.
3. Publicity: Andra reporting
 - a) Andra has filed her first report to the Midwest Monitor and she requests that members please send her information that can be used for her reports to the Monitor. The newest Monitor should be coming out soon.
 - b) Andra asked about the Unit Directory. Terrell stated that our Standing Rules require a new Directory be printed every 2 yrs. on even years so this will be due in the fall. Chuck would like to see e-mail addresses be printed in this directory but Terrell stated that ACBL does not allow this.

4. Bridge Camp report: Georgia reporting
Georgia has not started working on the 2014 Camp yet. She is assuming she will have the same teachers and same set-up. She had feedback from some parents and she may incorporate these ideas. Sandra's granddaughters and Wilson (a camp member) went to a youth tournament in Atlanta and won some trophies. It was suggested that we might do a little more to encourage our students to attend these youth events.

Old Business

1. Regional Sanctions: Terrell has sent a list of the Regional Sanction dates that were omitted from the last sanction list, to V.Pres. John Kennedy. They go through 2019. Terrell has not heard from John but assumes everything is fine with our Sanctions at this time.
2. Chair for May Spring Sectional: Sondra and Terrell Holt will chair this Sectional. The flyer is done and has been mailed. We must be sure that the next flyers have two single sessions for both Friday and Saturday. This has been done incorrectly for this Cabin Fever and also for the Bluegrass Sectional coming up in May.
3. Status of Louisville/Lexington Regional: At this time we have signed contracts out through 2016 at the Horseshoe Casino. The confusion of where we were going to have the tournament probably hurt our attendance this past year. Many pros did not come but they have now received personal letters assuring them of our venue at the Horseshoe Casino.
4. Update on NLM Tournament 2014: Andra said everything is going fine for the Non-Life Master Tournament and the flyers are done. The dates are July 26th and 27.
5. Alternate venues for Unit Sectionals: Terrell checked with the Clarion and the cost is \$4500 a day which is prohibitive. Norma and Terrell will be checking with Keeneland this coming week. Andra checked with the Signature Club and for Jan. tournament it would cost \$3500(a day?) and \$4800 for May for the facility. They will allow us to use any caterer we want. Andra has also contacted the Four Point Sheridan off Newtown Pike. They have e-mailed her the info but she is unable to read it and will get back to them. Terrell will also be checking out the Carnahan House (a U.K. facility). This would be free but may not be big enough for us. All will have reports on facilities at our next meeting.
6. GNT Update: We are looking at about 25-28 teams - probably several from Cinn., Louisville, Indy, Columbus and Dayton. It should be a very successful tournament and we know we will have many more 'C' teams than in the past especially from our unit. This tournament will probably go back to a location more centrally located next year.

7. Bridge activities in Georgetown and Pikeville: Russ held some classes in Georgetown but they have now closed down and we have one new member from those classes. Georgia was in Pikeville for one week and reports are that they are still playing but maybe not duplicate. Georgia also is working with a sorority group in Lexington.

New Business:

1. Actions to grow Pine MT. Tournament: Our Pine Mt. Tournament has not been very successful. The following were suggestions as to how to improve the attendance at this tournament:
 - a) Need to have better support from all levels of players from the Lexington Club.
 - b) Make sure all novice players know that the Director will be Donna Coker from Louisville.
 - c) Try to create more positive comments from Lexington bridge club members.
 - d) Let's call it a 'Bridge Retreat'.
 - e) Raise fee to \$10 a game.
 - f) Need to have better hospitality - possibly a cook-out or dessert social in a Cabin on Friday night.
 - g) Give free games at Pine Mtn. to winners of some Novice games at the Lex. Club and at the NLM tournament. Need to reserve a couple of cabins, cottages and rooms for these winners. Terrell or Chuck will talk to Lamar about reserving an extra cabin for the Club to use for hospitality or for 'free game' winners.
2. Nominating Committee for May 2014:
 - a) Terrell has appointed Chuck Dean to Chair the committee with Donna Loeffler and Atha Dickenson as members.
 - b) The following officers and directors terms are expiring:
President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Director Representative, Sue Bullard; Director, Norma Greely; Director, Sandra Marlin; Director Georgia Ringo;
 - c) According to the By-Laws, the President must stand down from the Board for two years but V.P can be nominated for any other position on the Board. The Secretary and Treasurer are eligible for one more term. Norma, Sue, Sandra and Georgia are eligible for re-election.
3. Audit Committee for 2013 Taxes - Sandra reported that she had audited the books for Fiscal 2012-2013 and found them to be correct. She has a written statement to this effect a copy of which will be given to the Treasurer and attached to the Minutes.
4. District 11 summer 2013: Board Meeting Report:
 - a) Treasurer reported a total of \$24,138.54 in the bank.

- b) Brad Bartol's proposal for reducing the cost of publishing the Monitor was approved but there are still some unanswered questions so Pres. Bill Sentman formed another committee to try to address these questions. There will be at least two more Monitors like the past ones.
 - c) Dayton's Regional was down 100 tables.
 - d) Georgia Banzinger has resigned as VP and Anita Torrence was elected to take her place.
 - e) The GNT coordinator, Larry Jones, proposed that all of the Sectionals in the District have a Charity game to help increase the stipend given to our representatives since the next three Summer Nationals are all 'fly away' locations.
5. Charity Foundation Grant for 2013: Terrell received a request from Beth Reed to decide on a charity for our Unit to donate \$4,500 from the ACBL Charity Foundation. This had to be decided very quickly so Terrell chose God's Pantry and wrote a press release which appeared in the Herald Leader in Lexington.
 6. Pine Mountain Tournament for 2014: Dates for this year are Sept. 12th through the 14th. Terrell will get with Lamar about all that was discussed today.
 7. Sectional Prize Money Review: We are still fine with the distribution of prize money for our tournaments.
 8. Chair for Cabin Fever Sectional for 2015: Since there were no volunteers at this time, we will wait until later to appoint someone.
 9. Updated Unit Asset List: We will have more tables to add to this asset list as soon as the Lexington Club completes their addition of new tables as we will inherit their old tables which will be kept at the club for use by either the Club or the Unit. There will be some other new items possibly soon so this list will be updated by our next meeting.
 10. NABC Report: Beth Reid's report is included in our packet for our information.

Other Business:

Georgia asked if we had bought the dealing machine as approved by the board several meetings ago. The answer was yes and it is being used for this tournament.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linck

Secretary

DRAFT: March 7, 2014

Next Meeting: May 17, 2014