

UNIT 164 – Lexington Bluegrass Sectional

Minutes of the May 17, 2014 Meeting
Held at the Best Western, Lexington, KY

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

Absent: Ken Katen, Sue Bullard **Guests:** Sondra Holt, Jackie Merkel

The meeting was called to order at 4:17PM 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 16 members present - 3 others arrived late and 1 left early)

Terrell reviewed a statement from Robert's Rule of Order that he had handed out.

(Attachment 1) He again thanked everyone for their hard work on behalf of the Unit and especially all the teachers in our Unit.

Minutes: Secretary Kathy Linck reporting

Kathy stated that she had received several corrections to the Jan. 18, 2014 Minutes.

The last copy of the Minutes sent by e-mail, was the corrected minutes. There being no other corrections, Director Chuck Dean moved the minutes be accepted as previously corrected. **Approved.** Kathy then asked for approval of the General Meeting Minutes of a year ago, May 19, 2013 so we could easily dispense with that piece of business at tomorrow's General Meeting. Chuck moved to accept. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Terrell and Treasurer Anita Pettus reporting.

1. Cabin Fever Sectional: Final report (handed to us by Anita after she arrived) shows a net profit of \$1458.80 with 211 tables, which was down from 240.5 in 2013. This profit is directly related to two things: 1. Good weather; 2. Low cost of meals (especially on Sunday since the hotel is not providing it - approximately a \$5.00 difference per meal.)
2. GNT Report: This was a very successful tournament, which netted \$614.09, all of which will go to the District. We heard many very nice comments and would have had more tables if the weather had been better. We probably will not be able to host this tournament again as the District thinks the location should be more central and the date will probably change to a time with better weather possibilities. We received no monetary award for the Unit but the Lexington Club did receive rental re-imbusement.
3. The Unit Financials: This report shows an expense of \$406.95 for Bridge in a Day held in Maysville in April. There will be a report later on this. The \$145 interest

is from our CD of \$20,000 at Bank of Lex. The report shows a drop in our net of about \$850 from our last report due to training and recruiting such as Bridge in a Day.

May Sectional Tournament Report 2014: Tournament Co-Chair Sondra Holt reported that we are up 5 1/2 tables at this time compared to this time last year however, we are down 1 ½ tables in our novice attendees. All in all, the tournament is going very well and Sondra and Terrell were thanked for their leadership in this tournament.

Committee Reports:

1. Education: Terrell reporting for Director Sandra Marlin
 - a) Learn Bridge in a Day' (LBAD) in Maysville was a success with 21 in attendance. A schoolteacher, Linda Gallagher, is teaching a class in Maysville and had 12 students sign up but is hopeful that she will have 4 to 6 complete the class.
 - b) We submitted a grant for LBAD to the ACBL Education Committee and it has been approved. Therefore, we will receive \$500 to help offset our costs for holding the Maysville LBAD event. We can ask for this for every LBAD event our Unit holds. In Lexington, LBAD will be taught in the future by Donna Loeffler.
2. Membership: Kathy reporting
 - a) We have sent out 112 'Welcome Letters' to new members with three free game cards, a potential of 336 free games. To this date, only about 170 have been used. We are also sending out reminder letters when memberships have lapsed and thus far 15 reminders have been sent and 5 have re-signed.
 - b) Kathy reported that a year ago the Unit 164 membership was 386 and our most recent report states our membership at 395. Terrell mentioned that our membership was at 362 two years ago so we are up 33 members in these two years.
3. Publicity: Terrell reporting for Director Andra Gyor
 - a) The District has voted to file the Monitor electronically. This will be significantly less expensive for the clubs. Hard copies will be sent to each club so they can make copies for people who cannot receive them electronically.
 - b) Andra will be responsible for the printing of the new Unit Directory. Terrell believes that this can be done cheaper than in the past and he will discuss that with Andra. Director Bob Pemberton asked if this couldn't be done electronically also. Terrell suggested not everyone has a 'smart' phone or cannot carry their laptops around with them so they would not access to the info as they need it.

4. Nominating Committee: Chairman Chuck Dean reporting
 All four of the main officers, Unit Rep, and 4 Directors are up for election. The following slate is proposed by the committee:
 Pres. - Sandra Marlin V. Pres. - Lamar Hamilton
 Sec. - Kathy Linck Treas. - Anita Pettus
 Unit Rep. - Sondra Holt
 Four (4) Directors - Norma Greely, John Kennedy, Darryl Bennett, Edgar Iwamoto.
 Chuck will present this slate at the General Meeting tomorrow.
5. Audit Report: Terrell reported that the written report of the audit for 2013 was given to Anita and all is complete on this.
6. Youth Camp 2014: Director Georgia Ringo reporting
 The ads have been in the paper and she is ready to go. The Unit will cover the cost of the ad in the newspaper and incidental expenses for as much as \$450 as in our approved budget. Also, ACBL will reimburse some expenses for Youth activities after the camp is over. Georgia would like to have 5 adult volunteers every night. Also, Chuck Dean and Peggy Saunier will help her teach.

BREAK FOR DINNER

RE-ADJOURN - 5:03PM

- (Terrell summarized Youth Camp details as above.)
- (Anita (arrived late) went back to Treasurer's report as above.)
- (Terrell summarized Publicity report as above. (Andra arrived late)
- (Nominating Committee slate as above was summarized for benefit of late arrivals)

Old Business

1. Regional Sanctions: Vice President John Kennedy has sanctions out through 2020 for all of our Sectionals, Non Life Masters Tour. and Regionals with Lou.
2. Chair for Cabin Fever 2015 Sectional: Sondra and Terrell Holt will chair this Tournament one more time than someone will need to step up and Chair tournaments in the future. It can be someone off the board but it would be preferable for a board member to do this.
3. Status of Louisville/Lexington Regional: We do not expect to hear anything else from the Ramada in Louisville concerning suing us for \$3500 over the broken contract. It has been over a year since this occurred. At this time we have signed contracts out through 2016 at the Horseshoe Casino
4. Update on NLM Tournament 2014: Andra said everything is done and we are expecting a large turnout. The dates are July 26th and 27.

5. Alternate venues for Unit Sectionals: Terrell re-iterated that we only have contracts with this venue (Best Western) for Jan. and May 2015 as they will not sign contracts for any longer period than one year out. Terrell did complete the contract for next May but the cost has gone up from \$600 to \$700 a day and the room costs are going up to \$99.99 a night (from \$79). Due to these problems we continue to look for other places. Norma reported that after looking into the possibility of something at Keeneland it would not be feasible (out of our budget). Andra stated again that the Signature Club would cost \$3500 for the week-end in Jan. and \$4800 for May.(bring your own tables and catering) She also contacted the Four Point Sheridan off Newtown Pike. They want \$8000 a day which is not possible for us. Terrell checked with the Clarion (old Holiday Inn on Newtown Pike). They had a good price on the room but very expensive on food - we could not bring any food in. Terrell is still trying to get info about the Carnahan House (a U.K. facility). Need to talk to Mike McCann or Mike Kanotz on how to reach this facility. Other places suggested were Georgetown College (Old Bengal training facility), Masonic Lodge and Knights of Columbus Hall.
6. GNT Update: Again, we had a great tournament. The District Board is planning to set a central and permanent location for the tournament and also changing the date to a warmer time. More on that in the future.
7. Actions to grow Pt. Mtn. Tournament:
 - a) Lamar talked about the many ideas that have been brought forward previously. Much discussion followed. It was decided we will concentrate on the following three items.
 - It is very important that we get the novices to the tournament through 'free games' prizes at the NLM tournament and at the novice games.
 - Lamar will look into having a tail-gate social or ice cream social one night. Will the Park allow this?
 - We will try to talk about it at all the clubs more and encourage better attendance from medium level players.
 - b) We have contracts for Pine Mtn. 2 to 3 years out. Also, the Park will hold rooms for us up to one week out instead of 4 weeks out.

New Business:

1. Our By-laws require that we have a review of the by-laws every 4 years. Terrell recommends that the new President appoint that committee and any changes should be presented at the May General Mtg.
2. District 11 Board Meeting Report :
 - a) Treasurer reported a total of \$27,946.15 cash balance.

- b) Beth Reed is looking into the inequities in the Open Bracket at the GNT. She took it to the National Board but it has been table at this time.
 - c) A.J. Stephanie requested that all Units in the District put their events on the website. There was a error in the software but with the help of Mike McCann that has been corrected. (As an aside, Mike also found an error in the ACBL Web page and has helped them correct it.)
 - d) A. J. also asked to meet with all the Regional Chairs at each tournament to go over the flyers sent out for the tournaments and correct mistakes before the next time the flyers are printed. He asks that all flyers be sent to him in the future for proof reading.
 - e) It was approved that the following recommendations by Issac Stephanie for Youth(under 21 years of age) in District events be implemented:
 - Youth rates will be $\frac{1}{2}$ of regular entry fee and difference paid by the Unit where the Regional is held.
 - NAP & GNT rates $\frac{1}{2}$ regular fee with difference paid by the District.
 - Recommend Sectional game fee $\frac{1}{2}$ of regular fee but each Sectional can make this decision as they see fit.
 - f) A third committee was formed to come up with recommendations/alternate suppliers, contract, etc. for the e-version of the Midwest Monitor. Terrell will serve on this committee.
 - g) Brad Bartol apologized for the lateness of the Jan. Monitor. Brad had been sick, some of the Units did not send their dues in on time, and some clubs did not send in their STAC fees. Brad will no longer run the December STAC. The W. Va. Unit will run this game in the future.
3. Unit Asset Lists: There are three updated lists in our packet: Unit 164 List, Lex./Lou. Joint Asset List, Unit 164 Sectional Only Asset List. The main thing that changed is that the Lex. Club gave the Unit 20+ tables. We now have 51 tables for our Sectionals and will not have to borrow tables from Lex. Club again.
 4. Chair for May 2015 Spring Sectional: We still do not have a chair for the May Sectional. Need to take care of that soon.
 5. Beth Reid's NABC Report: It is included in our packet for us to read.
 6. Proposed Budget for FY 2014: The budget is there and can be approved at this point or at the next meeting. This is projected using historical data. Director Sandra Marlin moved we accept the proposed budget. **Approved.**

7. Unit 164 Accomplishments for FY2013: See Attachment 2.
8. Sanction Fee Increase for 2014: ACBL announced a sanction fee increase of 1.5 % for our tournaments effective April 2014.
9. Unit 164 State of the Business for 2014: See Attachment 3.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linck

Secretary

DRAFT: July 31, 2014

Next Meeting: Sept. 12, 2014(Pine Mtn.)