

**UNIT 164 – Pine Mountain Sectional**  
Minutes of the Sept. 13, 2014 Meeting  
Held at the Pine Mtn. State Park, KY

**Members Present:** Sandra Marlin, Chuck Dean, Norma Greeley, John Kennedy, Lamar Hamilton, Bob Pemberton, Darryl Bennett, Edgar Iwamoto, Sondra Holt, Kathy Linck  
**Absent:** Ken Katen, Charles Seelbach, Andra Gyor, Anita Pettus

The meeting was called to order at 4:45PM by Pres. Sandra Marlin.  
(The By-laws require a 'majority' of Board members present to conduct the business of the Unit.) Quorum established - 10 of 14 members present.  
Sandra welcomed all new board members and introduced them to the other members.

**Minutes:** Secretary Kathy Linck reporting  
Kathy presented the minutes with one correction - the name of the hotel where the tournament and the meeting was held is the Best Western. There being no other corrections, Director Chuck Dean moved the minutes be accepted as corrected.  
Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandra M. reporting for Treasurer Anita Pettus.

1. Bluegrass Sectional: The table count was up to 246.5 and we had a \$1548.27 profit.
2. Non Life Master Tournament: This table count was also up and a profit was shown at \$1477.30. Sandra M. commented on the good job that was done by Director and Tournament Chairman Andra Gyor again this year.
3. Unit Financials: Sandra felt there was nothing out of the ordinary in this report. It shows a Unit Net Worth of \$64,841.41.

There being no questions or further comments, the reports will be filed for audit.

**Pine Mtn. Sectional Tournament Report 2014:** Tournament Chair Lamar Hamilton reported that we continue to be down in attendance. At this point we are down 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  tables according to the Tournament Director. Discussion on this matter is later in Minutes.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Educational: Sandra reporting  
The National Education Foundation Committee that Sandra M. serves on, met at the NABC in Las Vegas and has decided that they are going to certify Learn Bridge in a Day teachers. This is a way for ACBL to show their support for the program.

2. Membership: Kathy reporting
  - a) Kathy explained the Sectional/Regional/NLM Profit recap report that she updated and handed out. This is for information only. It is done about once a year and basically shows at a glance the profits/loses from our tournaments.
  - b) The Sept. 2014 In/Out Report gives Unit 164 membership at 379 members and a year ago it was at 383. Therefore, we have lost 4 members this due mainly to members moving out of Lexington and death of several members this year.
  - c) We have sent 35 reminders letters of expiration of membership in ACBL since the beginning of this program and 9 have re-enrolled.
  - d) We have sent 3 free games to 122 new members since we started which makes us obligated for 366 free games however, not all of these will be used. We do not have at this time what our cost has been to this date for that program.
3. Ethics: Sandra reporting  
Our Unit needs an Ethics Committee Chairman. Director Darryl Bennett volunteered for this position.
4. Publicity: No report
5. Audit Report: Sandra M. reporting  
A person is needed to do the Audit for FY 2014. Chuck felt that he and Director Ken Katen would be able to do this.
6. Youth Camp 2014: Chuck reporting  
The change of format of two years ago has proved to work out very well and seems to have helped with attendance so we will continue with this format. He believes that it is very good to have it right after school is out as there are too many other camps, vacations and other activities to compete with later in the summer. Having members from the Lexington Club attend as helpers has also been a big improvement in the format.

### **Old Business:**

1. Sectional and Regional Sanctions: Director John Kennedy stated that no further sanctions are needed for the Sectionals at this time. Director Sondra Holt reported that we have contracts with Horseshoe for the Lex./Lou. Regional through 2020 and we were able to negotiate these contracts with no increase in fees.
2. Chair for Cabin Fever 2015 Sectional: Director Sondra Holt and Terrell Holt will chair the Cabin Fever on Jan. 16 - 18.
3. Update on Non Life Master Tournament: Sandra M. reporting for Andra.  
Discussed earlier in meeting

There is a report from Andra in our packet. The tournament was again a success. The table count was up 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  tables which is a 16% increase. One attendee became a life master - Lou Ann Moss. Jackie Merkel was the Tournament Director. Sandra M. stated that she hopes Andra will continue to Chair this tournament and it is believed that she will chair it again next year.

4. Alternate venues for Unit Sectionals: Sandra M. reporting.  
Terrell and Sondra H., Director Norma Greeley and Pat Matheny have been constantly looking for places to hold our Sectionals in the Lexington area. Our packet contains a report from Terrell on this search. There are two sites mentioned in this report with the pros and cons of both sites. The sites are the Oleika Shrine Temple on Southland Drive and the Georgetown College Conference Center. The committee will continue to look into this. Norma mentioned two more places that should be looked into. They are the Big Elm Country Club and Tates Creek Golf Course.
5. Action to grow Pine Mountain Sectional: Discussed earlier in meeting. Since we continue to lose money at this tournament Lamar moved that we strongly consider a change of venue for this fall Unit 164 Sectional. Approved. Sandra M. named the following committee to consider this motion: Director Edgar Iwamoto, John , Sondra H. and Norma.

### **New Business:**

1. By-Laws Committee:  
Our By-laws require that we have a review of the by-laws every 4 years. Kathy has volunteered to be on this committee. Terrell will probably want to be on this committee as he and Kathy were on it 4 years ago. Also, volunteering were Norma and Darryl. Kathy will chair it. Kathy requested that any suggestions for changes to the By-laws be forwarded to one of the committee members.
2. District 11 Board Meeting Report: Sondra H. reporting  
See Attachment 1 and 2.  
At the end of Sondra H's. report, she announced that Terrell was elected as District 11 President. Sandra M. stated that this may be the first time that our Unit164 has held that seat. .
3. Chair for May 2015 Spring Sectional: We still do not have a chair for the May Sectional. Many directors felt that it was important to get other members of the Lex. Bridge Club involved in this not just Board members. Several names were mentioned and Sandra will ask some of these people. Norma will talk to Pat Matheny and see if she would co-chair the tournament with her.
4. New Member Directory: It is important for everyone in our Unit to make sure their information (name, address, phone no., etc. ) is correct at ACBL as that is

where we get the entries for the Directory. They just need to go to the ACBL Website, and they will be directed on how to update their listing. This needs to be done by the middle of Oct.

5. Corrections to Unit Board List: Edgar, Chuck and Sandra M's. addresses were incorrect. They will be corrected and a new list will be emailed.
6. Beth Reed's NABC report from Las Vegas: One of the big issues at the National level is possible changes in awarding of Master Points. Please read her report.
7. Proposed Budget for 2015: Most numbers are about the same as in the past but the cost of the Mid-West Monitor should be a lot less this year and Sandra M. reduced that amount. We will table this so members can look at this and will vote on it at the Jan. meeting.
8. Unit Assets:
  - a) Sandra bought carrying cases for three sets of boards so that we can make the boards in Lexington and bring them to tournaments and not have to pay the directors to do this. It will save us a like amount each time a director makes the boards for us. Sandra M. used the President's discretionary money to make this purchase.
  - b) A member of the Lex. Bridge Club has offered to clean up and organize the Unit materials and storage bins. She will get them in a much more organized state but this may cost a little money. Sandra M. feels this is a great idea and will use her discretionary money to fund this. There was no disagreement from the board.

**Other Business:**

A flyer is included in the packet for the NAP to be held in Cincinnati on Oct. 11th and 12<sup>th</sup>. These flyers will be available at the Partnership Table for all members and to be taken back to the other Unit Clubs.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Linck*

Secretary

DRAFT: Oct. 30, 2014

***Next Meeting: Jan. 16-18, 2015(Lex)***