

UNIT 164 – Cabin FeverSectional
Minutes of the Jan. 17, 2015 Meeting
Held at the Clarion Motel, Lex. KY

Members Present: Sandra Marlin, Chuck Dean, Darryl Bennett, Sondra Holt, Ken Katen, Andra Gyor, Anita Pettus, Ellen Hume, Kathy Linck.

Absent: Bob Pemberton, John Kennedy, Lamar Hamilton, Edgar Iwamoto, Norma Greely.

Guest: Terrell Holt

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.) - 7 members present until new member approved after a Board member resignation and then 8 members present. Later Director Chuck Dean left when Ken Katen arrived. Quorum established - 8 of 14.

Pres. Sandra Marlin announced the resignation of Director Charley Seelbach and her appointment of Ellen Hume to fill the remainder of Charley's term which expires June 30, 2015. She thanked Ellen for agreeing to take this position.

Sandra M. then said she was then going out of order on the Agenda to New Business. We will have the By-Laws Committee Report, due to a Director's need to leave soon and we need a quorum for this discussion and vote. By-Laws Committee Chairman Kathy Linck presented the Report. It was suggested that it was not necessary to read each change since all members had read them and were prepared to discuss just the ones that they had problems with. Chuck moved that we approved the By-Laws committee report with the following changes. **APPROVED:**

p. 3; change #7; **Reason for change** will read: The past president's experience will provide continuity.

p. 3; change #8; **Reason for change** will read: The duties of this office are specialized. It is difficult to find qualified candidates for this office and this will also provide continuity to the Board.

p.3; change #9; **Reason for change** will read: The duties of this office are specialized. It is difficult to find qualified candidates for this office and this will also provide continuity to the Board.

p.3; change #10; **Proposed change** will read: The UNIT Representative shall make a written report to the UNIT Board at the next regular meeting regarding the topics of the District 11 Board Meeting.

p.4; change #11; **Reason for change** will read; The Unit Representative has valuable experience and would provide continuity of communication to the Board.

Meeting suspended until after dinner.....

Meeting resumed at 5:20PM.....

Minutes: Secretary Kathy Linck reporting

Kathy presented the minutes with several corrections which are now included in the most recent copy that was sent out. Director Darryl Bennett moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Anita Pettus reporting.

1. The first report is the current Unit Financial report and the second report is last year's financial report just for comparison purposes. Last year's net worth was around \$64,000 and after the profit from the Lex./Lou. Regional is deposited we will have a net worth of about \$75,000.
2. The third page is the financial report on the Lex./Lou. Regional in Nov. at Horseshoe Casino which shows the profit realized this year of almost \$30,000. Checks will be sent very shortly to the Lex. and Lou. Unit of about \$12,000.
3. The last report is financial report from Pine Mtn. Tournament. It shows only an \$80 loss due to raising the cost from \$8 to \$10 a game. Our table count continues to go down as can be seen in this report.

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

Cabin Fever Sectional Tournament Report 2015: Terrell and Sondra Holt reporting.

Terrell reported that we are up $3\frac{1}{2}$ tables over last year at this time. Sandra M. reported that someone had requested that we change our game starting times to 12:30PM and 6:30PM. After some discussion, we decided to leave the times as they are. Kathy moved that we change the upper 'A' bracket from 2000+ to 2500+. **Approved**

Committee Reports:

1. Educational: Sandra M. reporting
There will be a special program in Gatlinburg about Education but at this time Sandra M. has no idea when or where this will be held. When she finds out more she will let us know.
2. Membership: Kathy reporting
 - a) The Jan. 2015 In/Out Report reports Unit 164 membership at 377 members and a year ago it was at 385.
 - b) We have sent 3 free games to 127 new members since we started this program which makes us obligated for 381 free games however, not all of these will be used. Anita reported that so far this year we have paid out \$124 for this program.

- c) We have sent 51 reminders letters of expiration of membership in ACBL since the beginning of this program and 14 have re-enrolled.
3. Ethics: Darryl reporting
No activity therefore no report.
 4. Publicity: Chairman Andra Gyor reporting
 - a) Her article is going into Midwest Monitor soon.
 - b) Half of the Unit Membership Directories are printed and as soon as a small imperfection is corrected we will get the remaining ones. Sandra M. feels that they are fine and could be passed out but she should do what she feels is right.
 5. Audit Report: Sandra M. reporting for Auditing committee Chuck and Director Ken Katen
The Audit report has not been done but will be done ASAP.
 6. Youth Camp 2014: Sandra M reporting for Chuck
The camp will continue this summer as has in the last two years.

Old Business:

1. Sectional and Regional Sanctions: Sandra M. reporting for Director John Kennedy
No report given but sanctions are good thru 2020.
2. Chair for Bluegrass Sectional May 2015 Sectional:
Tom Stanwix-Hay will chair with the help of Terrell Holt.
3. Louisville/Lexington Regional: Director Sondra Holt reporting:
We have contracts at Horseshoe Casino until 2020. This is a very successful tournament and we need to continue it just as it has been done in the past.
4. Update on Non Life Master Tournament: Andra reporting.
The tournament will be conducted just as it was last year. We are awaiting the approval of the flyer. The date is July 25th and 26th week-end. Everyone that has helped in the past is helping again this year.
5. Alternate venues for Pine Mtn. Sectional : Sandra M. reporting.
There is a letter in the packet from Lamar that he wants to send to the 15 or so people from out of our Unit that usually came to the Pine Mtn. Sectional explaining why we were cancelling the tournament at Pine Mtn.. We have not sent this letter out yet because we need to discuss what we will be doing at that time and want to include that information in the letter. Sandra M. suggests that we have a Sat. and Sunday Swiss tournament at the Lexington club on those days (Sept. 19th & 20th). There is some concern as to whether there is enough room at the facility to do it but Terrell feels that we can get at least 50 tables in there if need be and we rarely have had even 40 tables at our Sectionals in the past. Kathy moved that we do this two day Swiss in Sept. as Sandra M. has suggested. **Approved.**

Sandra M. with Terrell's help will Chair this and the times will be 10AM and 2:30PM. Andra will help with the flyers. Sandra thinks we still should be looking for a new venue for these dates in the future.

6. Status of Unit Sectionals in Lexington: Terrell reporting
 - a) The contract for the Jan. 2016 tournament here at the Clarion is signed as of yesterday. The rent increased from \$600 to \$800. We also have the May 2015 signed contract. That has increased to \$700 and room rates are \$100. Terrell believes that they will continue to have us here but they will continue to increase the cost of the playing room and room rates at they are getting significantly more for weddings and golf packages.
 - b) Terrell believes that the Georgetown College Bengals Training Center is still a very promising venue. However, they will be doing some remodeling and it won't be completed until sometime in 2016, they hope. They will give us long term contracts and pricing is good.
 - c) The Oleika Shrine Temple does not look promising because they have too many other priorities. You can't bring in food or drink but they do have a room big enough.
 - d) Berea College seemed like a very good alternative in many ways but parking is a real problem. Ken mentioned that in talking with many people about this site, they seem very excited about this idea.

New Business

1. By-Laws Committee Report: Discussed at start of meeting.
2. Chair for Jan. 2016 and May 2016 Sectionals:
Many names were presented and Sondra M. will ask some of them. It was recommended that new people be approached to get them involved in the process.
3. New Unit Directory: Previously discussed
4. Beth Reid's NABC report from Providence:
Her report is in our packet. Please read it if you haven't already.
5. Proposed budget for 2015: Sandra M. reporting
After some discussion, Darryl moved that we accept the proposed 2015 budget as amended, at this time. Approved.
6. ACBL New Policy on Caddy pay: Sondra H. reporting
There are new guidelines from ACBL as to how Caddies are paid. The Director in Charge can no longer physically pay the caddies. The DIC can advance the Unit the money from the game fees but the Unit must hand the money to the Caddy. This is an IRS requirement that has to do with 1099 filing for caddies earning more than \$600 a year which, of course, is not a problem with our Sectionals but could possibly be a problem at the Horseshoe Regional for 'professional' caddies.

7. District 11 Board Meeting Report: Sondra H. reporting.

See Attachment 1.

Andra requested that the Midwest Monitor report be printed and posted at our club. Sandra M. suggested that it could be attached to the Lexington Club monthly 'Alert' letter which is sent to all members. Sondra H. will look into this.

Other Business:

Darryl suggested that our Lex./Lou. Regional have some type of permanent figure to post the names of people who receive their Life Masters at that tournament such as what is done in Cinn. They have a 'Pig' figurine with all the names and the year that the Life Master was obtained. They keep it at their club and bring it to every regional. Sondra will bring this to her Tournament committee to discuss.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linck

Secretary

DRAFT: March. 20, 2015

Next Meeting: May 18, 2015(Lex)

***** Additional action taken by Pres. Sandra Marlin after meeting:**

Appointment of nominating committee as follows;

Chuck Dean - Chairman

Darryl Bennet

Andra Gyor