

UNIT 164 – Bluegrass Sectional
Minutes of the May 16, 2015 Meeting
Held at the Clarion Motel, Lex. KY

Members Present: Sandra Marlin, Chuck Dean, Darryl Bennett, Sondra Holt, Andra Gyor, Anita Pettus, Ellen Hume, Bob Pemberton, Edgar Iwamoto, Norma Greely, Kathy Linck.

Absent: John Kennedy, Lamar Hamilton, Ken Katen.

Guests: Tom Stanwix-Hay, 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.) - 11 members present. Quorum established - 11 of 14.

Minutes: Secretary Kathy Linck reporting.

1. Kathy presented the minutes from the Cabin Fever meeting (Jan. 17, 2015) with additions which are now included in the most recent copy that was sent out. Director Chuck Dean moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. **Approved**
2. Kathy presented the minutes from the Annual Meeting from Jan.18, 2015 for pre-approval. They will be presented again at tomorrow's General Annual Meeting asking for acceptance of this approval. Chuck moved that we pre-approve these minutes for presentation at tomorrow's General meeting. **Approved**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Anita Pettus reporting.

1. The first report is the Cabin Fever Sectional Report. We were very profitable this year. The table count was not higher but our expenses for food, hotel, and other items were much lower than in the past. However, the hotel cost will be going up in the future and we will talk about that later in the meeting. The profit was \$2,181.73 with 233 tables.
2. The Lou./Lex. Report has not changed from the last meeting therefore it was not included today.
3. The Unit report is not remarkable but just continues to show an increase in our Net Worth which stands at \$75,650.55. A grant from ACBL for the 'Learn Bridge in a Day' activity and no longer having to pay for advertising in the District Monitor since it has gone on line, has helped to keep our expenses much lower at this reporting. Our CD's are accruing interest at 1%. We do have the BB&T CD that is due for renewal today and Anita and Sandra M. will take care of that renewal next week.
4. Sandra M. commented that we are glad that our bottom line is increasing as we hope in the future to have a building that we can call our own and have our sectional

tournaments there as the costs continue to rise for these tournaments and will only get worse going forward.

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

Committee Reports:

1. Educational Report: Sandra M. reporting
No report for Education except Youth Camp 2015 will be held later in June than usual. The revised dates are June 22 - 25 and June 29 - July 2.
2. Membership: Kathy reporting
 - a) The April 2015 In/Out Report reports Unit 164 membership at 374 members and a year ago it was at 395. The Lexington Club is holding its membership but our outlying clubs seem to be losing members.
 - b) We have sent 63 reminders letters of expiration of membership in ACBL since the beginning of this program and 17 have re-enrolled.
3. Ethics: Director Darryl Bennett reporting
No activity therefore no report.
4. Publicity: Director Andra Gyor reporting.
The Unit Membership Directory is finished and distributed. Dan Storch helped with printing of the books and he has agreed to do it again next year if Andra compiles it. There has been very little cost compared to last year because Dan did not charge for his part. Director Sondra Holt complemented Andra for her part in this project.
5. Audit Report: Chuck reporting
Chuck read the report of the Audit committee (composed of himself and Director Ken Katen) and presented it to the Secretary for filing in the Unit's permanent records.
6. Bluegrass Sectional Report 2015: Tournament Chairman Tom Stanwick-Hay reporting.
Our numbers are down so far compared to last year. The total number of tables at this time is 107. Sandra M. commented that there are several reasons for this mostly just dealing with timing as she believes everything is going well.

Old Business:

1. Sectional and Regional Sanctions: Sandra M. reporting for Director John Kennedy
We have all Sanctions secured through 2020 except there is some confusion over the September Sizzling Silver Swiss but that will be settled this coming week.
2. Sizzling Silver Swiss Sectional: Sandra M. reporting

- a) Sandra M. and Terrell Holt will co-chair this tournament whose dates are Sept. 12 & 13th (Sat. & Sun.). Everything is progressing fine with the only concern being space but it is believed the Lexington Club can handle it.
- b) We probably will have a Unit Board Meeting but Sandra will decide if it is necessary, later.
- c) Lamar has written a letter to the people who regularly attend the Pine Mtn. tournament informing them of the cancellation of the tournament at Pine Mtn. and the replacement Sizzling Silver Swiss in Lexington. After correcting a couple of typos, the letter will be sent out next week.

Meeting suspended until after dinner.....

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

- 3. Louisville/Lexington Regional: Sondra H. reporting:
We have contracts at Horseshoe Casino until 2020 with no increase in rates.
- 4. Update on Non Life Master Tournament: Andra reporting.
The tournament will be conducted just as it was last year. The date is the July 25th and 26th week-end. Most of the volunteers that helped last year are helping again this year with a few exceptions but new people have volunteered.
- 5. Alternate venues for Pine Mtn. Sectional:
 - a) Sandra M. and Mike Marlin will be looking into the Senior Citizens Center in Versailles.
 - b) Berea Hotel would be a workable site and very nice but parking would be a problem as it is down a hill and a shuttle bus would be necessary for many people.
- 6. Status of Unit Sectionals in Lexington: Terrell reporting
 - a) We have a contract for the Jan. 2016 tournament here at the Clarion and Terrell intends to sign a contract tomorrow for May 2016. He hopes to get one day free for this tournament because of the problem with the air conditioning. The bridge sleeping room rates are up to about \$99 per day. Also, he will try to get them to reduce the playing venue rate per day as they have given us a stated increase of \$200 more per day. We are paying \$900 more total for the playing room costs since we started here but we are saving money on meals and a local asst. director which makes this still a very profitable venue for us.
 - b) We continue to look at other places because this facility may not be available to us in the future. Many places have been looked at such as Georgetown College, Signature Club, Clarion at Newtown and Int. 75, Four Points Sheridan Motel and Arts Place. Ellen will check out a large facility in Berea called the

Russell Atkins Folk Center. Her dance organization has been there and she thinks it would be big enough.

- c) Sandra M. and Terrell re-stated that our goal is to help the Lexington Club build their own facility that would be big enough for our Sectionals as well.

New Business

1. By-Laws Committee Report: Kathy reporting
 - a) Kathy will present the By-Law Amendments as corrected at the last Board meeting tomorrow at the General Meeting.
 - b) There was a clerical correction recommended by Dan Robinette to Amendment #5(Art. VI: Sec. 6.5) which will be made in the final approved copy of the By-Laws.
 - c) Darryl reported that Gail Carpenter called him and stated she does not like recommended Change #5(Art.VII:Sec.7.5) "unlimited term for Treas.". She feels this could lead to Treasurer miss-conduct of funds. The Board feels we are safe with this change as our Treasurer is bonded and audited every year (per By-Law requirement).
2. Nominating Committee: Chuck reporting
After some discussion on the number of positions needed to be filled, the following slate is proposed by the committee:
3 Directors:
John Kennedy Ellen Hume Russ Whitney
Sandra M. feels there may be a problem because these names were not posted 14 days before this General Mtg. as required by the By-Laws. We will ask for a suspension of this By-Law requirement at the Gen. Meeting and then proceed with the election.
3. District 11 Board Meeting Report: Sondra H. reporting.
See Attachment 1.
4. Chair for Jan. and May 2016 Sectionals:
Leon Pauley and Michael Jones will chair the Cabin Fever tournament in Jan. but we are still looking for a chair for the May Sectional.
5. Beth Reid's NABC report:
Her report is in our packet. Sandra noted that our District will be hosting the NABC tournament in Columbus, Ohio on March 19th thru the 29th, 2020.
6. Proposed Budget for 2015:
Sandra M. has made several changes including deleting loss from Pine Mtn. and adding income from Swiss Sectional in Sept. After some discussion, a motion was made by Chuck to add a line item for Misc. money (subject to President's approval) of \$2000 and to approve the amended budget. Approved

7. Stipend for NAP winners:

Sandra M. proposed that Unit 164 provide \$100 each for two members (Marie Evans and Doug Thompson) who represented the District at NABC in New Orleans. Chuck so moved. **Approved**

Chuck also moved that we add an item to our Standing Rules stating that we match the stipend given by the District to any Unit members who represent the District at a NABC. **Approved**

8. 'Learn Bridge in a Day' at UK: Darryl reporting:

Darryl is very interested in presenting 'Learn Bridge in a Day' (LBID) at UK. Darryl talked to a lady in the Human Resources Office at UK who thinks this is a possible activity but thinks he should get an organization at UK to sponsor it. There are four students from UK that play at the club occasionally and two are at this tournament playing today. Terrell has given them several decks of cards and they are trying to get other students to play with them at UK. Darryl asked for support from the Board and financial backing from the Unit. There is no need for a motion as we have continued to support LBID where ever we have presented it. Darryl will continue to work on this proposal.

Other Business:

1. Needs for our Clubs: Chuck reporting:

Andover may need a new computer. If Mike McCann feels that the present computer is not fixable, he will order one for them. We always support our clubs for these kinds of needs and we will do so here also. Sandra M. reiterated if any other clubs in our Unit have any needs to please contact her.

2. Lights for Sectional Tournaments:

Ray Linck bought a new 'cool' (LED) light that we are trying at this tournament which will have to be added to our Unit Asset list. However, we are not sure that we like this light and they are quite expensive. Mike Marlin thinks he will be able to put LED sockets in the old globes and that would save us quite a bid of money. He will work on this.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linck

Secretary

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Next Meeting: to be announced later