

UNIT 164 – Bluegrass Sectional
Minutes of the Jan.23, 2016 Meeting
Held at the Clarion Motel, Lex. KY

Members Present: Sandra Marlin, Chuck Dean, Darryl Bennett, Sondra Holt, Andra Gyor, Ellen Hume, Edgar Iwamoto, Kathy Linck.

Absent: John Kennedy, Lamar Hamilton, Norma Greely, Anita Pettus, Bob Pemberton, Russ Whitney

Guests: Leon Pauley, Michael Jones, District Pres. Terrell Holt

The meeting was called to order at 4:22PM by Pres. Sandra Marlin.

(The By-laws require a 'majority' of Board members present to conduct the business of the Unit.) - 8 members present. Quorum established - 8 of 14.

Minutes: Secretary Kathy Linck reporting.

1. Kathy presented the minutes from the May Spring Sectional meeting (May 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 also presented the minutes from the Annual General Meeting from May 17, 2015 for pre-approval. They will be presented again at the General Annual meeting asking for acceptance of this approval. Chuck moved that we pre-approve these minutes for presentation at the General meeting in May. **Approved**

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

1. The May Sectional Report had a small loss. The bottom line should be in parenthesis to show this is a loss.
2. Sandra M. had a question about the Sizzling Swiss that was explained to her satisfaction.
3. Our Net Worth continues to increase. It now stands at \$86,209.25 but there will be a loss for this tournament due to the inclement weather.
4. Director Sondra Holt reported that the Lou./Lex. Report shows another big profit with \$11,000 disbursed to each unit. We still had this profit even though the table count was down 76 tables.

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

At this time, Sandra M. announced that Director Edgar Iwamoto will be the Director for the Sizzling Swiss on Sept. 10th and 11th. Pat Matheny will be the co-chair and perhaps we will have to put a cap on attendance for Saturday asking people to register ahead of time as our space is limited. Overcrowding should not be a problem on Sunday.

Cabin Fever Sectional Report: Leon Pauley and Michael Jones reporting.

Table count is down considerably due to the weather. We have had a lot of unexpected people here from out-of-town who, in some instances, came before the snow started,

especially from Louisville. We will probably get some monetary consideration from the Clarion because we have 10 or more rooms each night. Leon noted that he had several people call and ask the price of the games and it was suggested by these callers that the cost of the games be printed on the flyer. Sondra H. commented that this is not usually done and Sandra M. agreed. It was also suggested that perhaps ACBL would not allow that to be on the flyer. They have to approve all flyers and in the past they have made corrections to our flyers.

Sandra M. thanked Leon and Michael for their work especially under these trying circumstances.

Committee Reports:

1. Youth Camp 2016: Chuck reporting

Director Ellen Hume will be taking over the Youth Camp this year. She and Georgia Ringo will be working to get that set up.

2. Discipline Committee Report: Chuck reporting

One person was disciplined by the committee. We received notice from the ACBL that action needed to be taken by this committee. It was done and completed.

Meeting suspended until after dinner.....

Meeting resumed at 5PM.....

3. Education Committee: Sandra M. reporting

No report except the Bridge Club of Lexington continues to have many classes.

The Lexington club is growing and the novice games continue to get bigger so we know that these classes are contributing to this growth.

4. Membership: Kathy reporting

a) The Jan. 2015 In/Out Report listed Unit 164 membership at 377 members and Jan. 2016 it is at 381 so we are up a few members.

b) We have sent 160 Welcome letters with 3 free games since we started doing this 2011 and we have sent 88 reminders letters of expiration of membership in ACBL and 18 have re-enrolled.

5. Ethics: Director Darryl Bennett reporting

No activity except what was reported earlier by Chuck on the Disciplinary action.

6. Publicity: Director Andra Gyor reporting.

The most recent Monitor article has been submitted. Sandra M. reminded us that the reports are available on line. Sandra M. also stated that we should all read these articles as Andra does a wonderful job. Mike McCann puts a link to these articles on the Lexington Bridge Club website.

Old Business:

1. Learn Bridge in a Day: Darryl reporting
Darryl will be hosting a LBAD on Sat. Feb. 13th at the Boone Center Faculty Club. He will teach the event with the help of Carole Fox. The Faculty club will handle the advertizing and food and charge participants for the meal. Sandra M. has guaranteed \$500 for expenses, if needed. If more is used, we will address this at a later time. Those attending will probably be professors, alumni and other adults. The manager of the Club is interested in getting a weekly game going at this facility. Sandra M. believes that this regular game may entice students to join in at some point.
2. Disciplinary Meeting: Previously discussed before dinner break.

New Business:

1. Nominating Committee: Sandra M. reporting
We have an election coming up in May. Russ Whitney has agreed to be the Chair of this committee. We will be losing all of our officers but we will continue to have many of our Directors coming back so there will be continuity on the Board. Sandra M. and Kathy will research which Director's terms are expiring.
2. Chair for 2016 Sizzling Swiss: Previously discussed before dinner break.
3. Disctrict 11 Board Meeting Report: Sondra H. reporting
See Attachment 1.
4. Non-Life Master Update: Andra reporting
Andra has begun proceeding with this tournament. Flyers have been made and sent out. Committee chairs are set. The hope is that we will be bigger than ever. Kathy pointed out that this tournament has grown every year and Andra is to be congratulated on its success. Sandra M. drew our attention to a flyer she had included in the packet about the Oklahoma City Fall Sectional and NLM Regional. After some positive discussion about this type of tournament, District Pres. Terrell Holt agreed to bring this idea to the District Board for discussion as a possible addition to one of our Sectionals in Lexington. He will get back to us on this.
5. Status of Sectional Venues: Sandra M. and Terrell reporting
 - a) Sandra M. included a news article stating that our present site (the Clarion) has been sold. Terrell reported that the new owner is from Chicago but managed by a group here in Lexington. They want our business and will be updating and adding a restaurant in the future. They will be renewing our contracts up through 2018 for the Jan. Cabin Fever and May Sectional tournaments holding all costs as of 2016 rates. The contract will include \$100 cost reduction for every 10 room nights that are booked. So it

appears we will be good at this site until 2019 and then prices will probably escalate out of our range.

b) Several people continue to look at other places.

- A very promising location is Georgetown College but they had a lot of remodeling to do. We will be getting back to them to see how that stands.
- The Oleika Shrine Temple would not fit our needs.
- Berea College facilities would meet our needs but the parking is a huge problem.
- The Churchill Weavers facility in Berea is very feasible. The prices are reasonable and Terrell believes this would work for our Sept. Sizzling Swiss. This is a good replacement for Pine Mtn. as it would be more centrally located for our Unit clubs.
- The group also visited the Campbell house but the cost is prohibitive.
- Sandra M. looked at the Senior Citizens Center in Versailles but they do not rent it out.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Linck

Secretary

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Next Meeting: May 14, 2016