

Unit 164 Board Meeting
August 28, 2016

**MINUTES
of the
Unit 164 Special Meeting**

Held August 28, 2016 at the Bridge Club of Lexington

Members Present: Ted Addleton, Brad Beck, Darryl Bennett, Nancy Colby, Chuck Dean, Andra Gyor, Mina Hedayati, Sondra Holt, Ellen Hume, Edgar Iwamoto, Mike Proctor and Russ Whitney

Members Absent: Norma Greely and John Kennedy.

Guests: A.J. Stephani, A. Beth Reid, Terrell Holt

Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by President Andra Gyor. She said it is necessary that we have a quorum of 8 board members in attendance and there were 11 members attending (Mike Proctor joined the meeting later making the total number in attendance 12 at that point in time). As it was determined that there was a quorum the meeting commenced. Andra then said the first agenda item was to hear from A.J. Stephani and A. Beth Reid, candidates for District 11 representative to the ACBL National Board. She described the voting procedure which is by secret ballot. She said that before the vote each candidate will come in separately and make a presentation to the board followed by a few minutes of questions by board members to each candidate. Following the presentations a brief discussion among Board members will precede the vote.

A Director then asked if we should decide in advance what our questions to the candidates should be. There was brief discussion with no consensus about what questions should be asked, per se, but there was an agreement that individual questions will adequately represent what we need to know in order to make an informed vote. Beth Reid was then invited to join us and she was introduced. She addressed the Board for approximately 10 minutes which was followed by several questions from Directors.

A.J. Stefani was then invited to address the Board and he was introduced by Andra. After his address of approximately 10 minutes there were questions from Board members. A.J. was thanked for his time with us.

District 11 Representative to the ACBL Board – Voting Process

Discussion and questions among the Directors ensued. The voting process was then completed and Andra gathered the ballots ensuring that all ballots were accounted for. She sealed the ballots in a self addressed envelope to mail to ACBL.

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Resumption of regular meeting.

Minutes: Andra asked if everyone had received the draft minutes that Ellen sent of the May 14th, 2016 Spring Sectional Board Meeting and for the May 15 General Membership Meeting. All directors present had received the minutes and after brief review of the minutes Chuck moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried. (Although this motion was made and seconded during the meeting, Robert's Rules of Order state that a motion is not needed to approve minutes. In the future, minutes will stand approved as read or as corrected without a motion.)

Treasurer's Reports: Director Ted Addleton reporting. Ted said the Blue Grass Sectional is the first page of his written report and it is from the previous treasurer, Anita Pettus. The sectional made \$458.

Ted said he is using Quick Books for his accounting of the Unit. He pointed out that we have no liabilities and all cash which puts us in a good position. He then reviewed the reports which included the Bluegrass Sectional, NLM Sectional, Unit 164 Financial Report and the Bluegrass Bridge Association Financial Status report. All reports are attached. He commented that our cash amount has gone up a bit.

Following his report there was brief discussion. Ted was thanked for his work on these reports. There were no questions and Andra said we will file the reports for Audit.

Sizzling Swiss Sectional 2016 Status – Terrell reported that all is moving forward. This year we will have to use the main playing room for snacks and coffee and we might need to use the hall or the Keeneland Room to put out sandwiches for lunches. It was pointed out that the area outside the main playing room, that in the past we have used as a brochure table, is not a busy area so we can use that area for hospitality, a partnership desk, or as a serving area.

Committee Chair Reports

- 1. Education** – Darryl reported that on Sept 17th there will be a Learn Bridge in a Day event at the club. On Sept 20th we will have a member/guest game. He stated that he will encourage those that attend Learn Bridge in a Day to then participate in the member/guest game. We want to tie these two events together as educational opportunities. This fall there will be five beginner classes. Darryl will teach two classes, Jackie will teach two and Mary Bell will teach one.
- 2. Membership** – Director Ellen Hume briefly described the “In/Out” report for the new board members who are not familiar with this report. She then said that in May, 2016 the Unit had a total of 379 members and that, as of July 2016, we have 376 members. She reported that all new members receive a

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welcome letter from her with three free bridge game certificates. Since May five new members have received the letter with the certificates.

Also since May, six reminder letters have been sent to Unit 164 members who have not paid dues for four months. (These non-paying members have already received two letters from ACBL that addressed their delinquency.) Of those six letters there was one renewal. Ellen then suggested that instead of sending a letter from Unit 164, a phone call would add a personal touch and we might find out why the member has left the Unit. There was consensus that this is a good idea and to try it.

3. **Ethics** – Chuck said there is no report to give.
4. **Publicity** -- Nancy reported that said she is getting ready for the next edition of the Mid-West Monitor that will include articles about the youth bridge camp that Ellen directed, the 0-5 point game that Donna directs as well as other articles. Nancy asked if anyone has suggestions for articles to please let her know.

Youth Camp 2016 – Andra said this topic is tabled until the January, 2017 board meeting as Ellen is not ready to address it at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Sectional and regional Sanction – Darryl reported that he has submitted the sanction request for the NLM Regional.

Chair of Sizzling Swiss Sectional 2016 – This was previously discussed.

Update on NLM sectional 2016 – Andra reported that we were up 10% over 2015 with 105.5 tables with 40% from outside our region. She then stated that there were two problems this year. One had to do with parking. For future events, we need to ensure that participants know where they are supposed to park to avoid any chance of being towed. The other problem was long lines for lunch on Saturday. She said she will speak with the Hospitality Chair and see if we can have someone on the Hospitality Committee who is not playing bridge that day. This person can be responsible for getting food out before the lunch break. She said this will not be a problem next year though because next year will be the NLM Regional tournament and we will organize the food for this event differently.

Update on LBIAD – This was previously addressed.

Update on OLLI Class – Darryl reported that Sandra Marlin is teaching this class and it is already full. Tom Stanwiz-Hay first suggested bridge classes through OLLI and Tom and Kathy addressed this idea to those who organize the OLLI event. Sandra is not being paid to teach this first class but students will need to purchase the book. Darryl then said

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that we will need someone to teach the second 8-session class but perhaps the teacher for the second series will not teach it for free. There was discussion about future classes revolving around OLLI.

Louisville-Lexington Regional Tournament – Sondra reported that we are finalizing preparations for the Louisville-Lexington Regional Tournament at Horseshoe. The biggest hurdle is coming up with enough caddies. She said that ideally you want high school or college aged kids with some technology skills that can make boards. She said it is difficult to come up with the number we need but it is being worked out. Otherwise, all aspects of this event are moving along well.

Non-Life Masters Regional – Andra reported that the Non-Life Masters Regional will be April 29-30, 2017. It will be structured like the NLM Sectional with pairs games on Saturday and Swiss games on Sunday. The point range will be extended to 0-750 so that we can pay gold points. Right now the plan is for the venue to be the Lexington Bridge Club.

Update for Venues for Cabin Fever and Bluegrass Sectionals –Terrell reported that we have signed contracts at the Clarion Hotel for these Sectionals through May of 2018. Terrell said he is hopeful we will have a better venue in the future.

Increased Tournament Fees – Sondra said she feels this topic was adequately addressed previously in the meeting and there is no further reporting necessary at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Certificates for Outgoing Board Members – Andra reported that she has designed certificates of thanks for outgoing Board members. Andra said that she won't be available at the September 2016 Sizzlin' Swiss to personally thank the outgoing Board members and to present the certificates so she asked Darryl to act in her behalf. Darryl accepted.

District 11 Board Meeting Report – Cincinnati – Sondra distributed and reviewed her written report which is attached.

NLM Regional – Andra said that she is chairing this event.

Bluegrass Sectional – Andra said we do not currently have a chair for the Bluegrass Sectional next May. A suggestion was made that perhaps the Chair should be from outside the board but, after brief discussion, consensus was that the Chair should be someone from the board but a Co-Chair and other assistants could be non-board members. Brad Beck was asked if he is willing to chair this tournament along with someone from outside the board. After some questions by Brad and comments from Board members, he agreed to take on this responsibility. It was mentioned that he will need a co-chair, hospitality chair, and partnership chair all of his choice.

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New Unit Directory – Andra said that part of the Publicity Chair’s job is to put together a Unit Directory on even years. We can request a file from ACBL that includes the member information we need for the directory. It was mentioned that we have to ensure that people listed in the directory are okay with their names and addresses and other personal information being published in the directory.

Andover Bridge Club – Andra said that she authorized \$158.82 in expenditures for new bidding boxes for the Andover Bridge Club. Chuck then moved that this amount be approved as a Unit expenditure. The motion was seconded by Sondra and carried.

Andra then reported that Edgar has resigned from the Board effective Sept. 1, 2016 and Susan Dance has agreed to take over Edgar’s remaining term. She plans to be at our next Board meeting.

There were no other business items to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectively Submitted,
Ellen Hume, Secretary
ACBL Unit 164