

Minutes of the ACBL Board of Director's Meeting
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Held January 20, 2018 at 365 Melbourne Way,
Lexington, Kentucky

Members Present: Ted Addleton, Brad Beck, Susan Dance, Chuck Dean, Andra Gyor, Mina Hedayati, Sondra Holt, Ellen Hume, Bob Korten, Mike Proctor,

Members Absent: Darryl Bennett, Norma Greely, John Kennedy, Russ Whitney

Guests: Terrell Holt, President, ACBL District 11; Sandra Marlin; Konner Spaulding

The meeting was called to order by Director and President Andra Gyor at 5:10 PM

Opening Remarks:

Andra welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Director Bob Korten as a new Board member. Director Ellen Hume then reported there was the required quorum of members present (10 of 14) so the meeting continued.

Minutes from May 13, 2017 Board Meeting and May 14, 2017 General Business

Meeting: Ellen distributed copies of the May 13 and May 14 corrected minutes for review and approval. There were no corrections so the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Director and Treasurer Ted Addleton referred board members to his written reports which he distributed to all present. He then summarized the reports.

1. Lexington Sizzlin' Swiss Sectional – In 2017 the Sizzlin' Swiss tournament made a total of \$213.85 compared to the previous year's profit of approximately \$217. Expenses were down in 2017 but we also had 28 fewer tables.
2. Louisville/Lexington Regional – Ted reported that the tournament was down 66 tables from 2016 but we made a profit of over \$20,000 which was divided between the Louisville and Lexington ACBL Units. There was brief discussion. Terrell added that we also were required to send \$1 per table of our 2017 profit to the Columbus NABC. The total amount is a little more than \$1,000.

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3. Unit 164 Financial Report– Liquid assets are currently \$107,844, a significant increase from 2016. Sondra said we use the cash is to help the clubs grow and to be able to purchase property and build a building for a larger Lexington club. Discussion continued and it was suggested that some of the cash could be earmarked to a building fund.
4. Investment Status – Ted reported on our current situation regarding CDs. Our Bank of Lexington CD is coming due and Ted said he will put it in another CD with higher interest.

Andra then asked if we should have a motion to transfer some of our cash into a Building Fund. A Director then asked what is the advantage or disadvantage of doing so. Ted said in the Equities Section we could divide it into 2 parts: Equity and Building Fund and it should then be understood that we have reserve cash for a building fund. After lengthy discussion Director Chuck Dean moved that we move \$70,000 into a building fund reserve for the purpose of eventually owning a building for the Lexington Bridge Club. Director Susan Dance seconded and the motion carried.

There were no further questions or comments concerning Ted's report and Andra said we will file the financial reports for audit.

Cabin Fever Sectional/2018 Status – Konner Spaulding reported that we are currently down ten tables compared to last year's tournament, mostly from a decrease in the numbers of players in the 299er section. Sandra Marlin said the tournament is running smoothly so far and specifically mentioned that the two directors are doing a great job. Andra thanked Konner and Sandra for a job well done.

Committee Chair Reports

1. Education – Andra said that since Director Darryl Bennett is absent there is no report. Sandra commented that there is a new Ollie class beginning in March. There were other comments of possible upcoming classes.
2. Membership – Ellen reported that there are currently 359 Unit 164 members. In June, 2017 there were 364 members, a decrease of five members. Since June of last year 13 new member letters with three free game passes have been sent. During that same time period there were an additional nine new members who did not receive the three free game passes. These nine new members were bridge camp attendees and they received one year of free membership from Unit 164 and the bridge club. During the same time period there have been 14 members who have let their membership expire and each of these people received a letter or a phone call from Ellen encouraging their return to membership in the ACBL. Discussion then took place about how we are trying to build the membership numbers in ACBL and to increase club membership. Many comments and ideas were presented and discussed.
3. Ethics – Chuck said there have been no ethic violations and there is no report.

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4. Publicity – Andra reported that Nancy Colby resigned from the board and from her responsibilities as Chair of Publicity. Andra asked if there is someone who is willing to take over publicity for our unit and she specifically asked Susan Dance if she would be willing to do so. Andra described the position and the responsibilities. Susan agreed to take over publicity and Brad offered to help with the club membership directory which is updated every two years and is the responsibility of the Publicity Chair.

Youth Camp – Ellen reporting. She highlighted positive results from the 2017 bridge camp including the large number of participants, nine new members to ACBL, and many positive comments from parents and campers. She also reported some perceived negative outcomes from last year's camp including the large number of participants along with the significant diversity of bridge experience made teaching difficult. It was difficult for the attendees to maintain focus throughout the long day (6 hours) when the instruction was either too basic or too difficult for them. The diversity of age and interest level was problematic.

Discussion followed. Then Ellen made some recommendations for this year's camp including a return to "camp" format instead of "school." Run the camp for 4-5 hours per day for three days and do not pay for advertising in the Lexington Herald-Leader. Perhaps have one day of instruction and two days of playing bridge. Bob Korten volunteered to teach at this year's bridge camp.

Old Business

1. Update on Sectional and Regional Sanctions – There was no report but Andra said we are up-to-date through 2020.
2. Update on May Spring Sectional – Director Mike Proctor reported that ACBL has approved the flyer for the Spring Sectional. Georgia has agreed to be Partnership Chair. Linda Keller is Hospitality Chair and Larry Watt is assisting Mike as co-chair. Mike said all is going well.
3. Update on NLM Sectional – Andra said she is chairing this tournament and the flyer has been sent to ACBL for approval.
4. Update on LBIAD/OLLIE – This was previously discussed.
5. Update on Louisville/Lexington Regional Status – Sondra said that contracts are in place through 2023. Sondra said that 10:00 and 2:30 will be the main game times this year. We will be accepting credit cards for game fees this year.
6. Required District Fees to Columbus 2020 NABC – Andra said she is reminding all the District Chairs that \$1.00 fee per table must be forwarded to Judy Ayers in Columbus to support the Columbus 2020 tournament. Ted, as treasurer, will be responsible for this. Terrell said we must do the same for all sectional and regional tournaments through March 2020. It was noted that STAC and NLM tournaments are exempted.

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New Business

Andra again welcomed Bob Korten as a new Board member. He will complete Nancy Colby's term of office.

1. District 11 Board Meeting Reports – Dayton, Cincinnati and Louisville written reports were distributed and are attached to these minutes. Director Sondra Holt summarized the reports. There followed brief discussion about the STAC game between Christmas and New Year. Participation numbers were down and it was suggested that it might be because it is an inconvenient week to have STAC games. It was noted that the club can be flexible during that week as far as what games are STAC games and what games will not be STAC games.
2. Chair for Sizzlin' Swiss Sectional 2018 – Sondra and Terrell reported that the flyer will be out soon. Terrell reported that the 2016 Sizzlin' Swiss was well attended but 2017 was down by 28 tables. It was suggested that we should return to advertising the upcoming tournaments.
3. Chair for Cabin Fever Sectional – Jan. 2019 – Bob volunteered to chair this tournament.
4. Free Games at Sectional Tournaments to Beginner Players – Sondra suggested that we offer free games only to players who have 0-20 points instead of giving free games to players who have 0-50 points. After brief discussion Chuck moved that we give one free game to sectional tournament pairs players with no more than 25 points. Director Mina Hedayati seconded and the motion carried.
5. Game times for Sectional Tournaments, 2019 – Andra reported that a club member asked if we can change the time of the sectional tournaments to 10:00 and 2:00 as we have changed the regional tournaments game times. She said one problem is that we have knock-outs in the morning and those players that are knocked out are then able to play in the pairs game. If we change the times of the pairs games the knock-out participants will not be able to play in pairs games. There was brief discussion. Chuck suggested that we could start the evening game at 6:30PM. The Saturday schedule will be at 9:00, 1:00, and 6:30. There was discussion of the pros and cons of this suggestion and consensus was to try the 6:30PM start time for the Cabin Fever Sectional next January.
6. Nominating Committee – Andra said we have three director's positions coming up at the end of June: Russ Whitney, John Kennedy and Mike Proctor. All of these directors are serving their first term so they can be re-elected. Also Andra's and Darryl's positions are up and they can also be re-elected. Andra then appointed Chuck Dean, Brad Beck and Norma Greely to a Nominating Committee. She said we need to have the slate of nominees on the web-site by May 1, 2018.

Other Items for Discussion – There were no further items for discussion.

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Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Bob Korten. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hume, Secretary
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