

Unit 164 Board Meeting
January 21, 2017

**MINUTES
of the
Unit 164 Board Meeting**

Held January 21, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel, Lexington Kentucky

Members Present: Ted Addleton, Brad Beck, Darryl Bennett, Nancy Colby, Susan Dance, Chuck Dean, Andra Gyor, Sondra Holt, Ellen Hume, John Kennedy, Mike Proctor and Russ Whitney.

Members Absent: Norma Greely and Mina Hedayti

Guest: Terrell Holt, President, ACBL District 11

The meeting was called to order by Director and President Andra Gyor at 5:15PM.

Opening Remarks: Director Andra Gyor welcomed attendees then reported on the results of the 2016 election of the District 11 Representative to the ACBL She said that A. J. Stefani was elected as our District Representative.

Minutes from Unit 164 Special Meeting – Director Ellen Hume reported that the minutes from the August 28, 2016 special meeting of Unit 164 had been distributed via email and by hard-copy and asked if there were any comments or questions. There being no questions concerning the minutes or changes to the minutes, Director Chuck Dean asked that the minutes be approved as read. The Board members present were in agreement to approve the minutes.

Andra then said that the agenda would proceed out of order to accommodate reports to be given by Director Sondra Holt and President of District 11 Terrell Holt as they had to leave the meeting early.

Cabin Fever Sectional/2017 Status – Terrell reported that the tournament has had 113 tables so far. He said 220 tables for the entire tournament is a critical number for financial gain. There was discussion as well as several questions. One question concerned the fact that Bridgemates were not being used for this tournament. Terrell explained that the Unit does not own Bridgemates. He further explained that many of the tournament directors actually own Bridgemates that they rent at Sectional and Regional tournaments. After brief further discussion Terrell was thanked for his report.

District 11 Board Meeting Reports – Dayton and Louisville. Andra invited Director Sondra Holt to present her two District 11 Board meeting reports. The written reports are attached. There was brief discussion.

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Update for Venues for Cabin Fever and Bluegrass Sectionals – Terrell reported and his written report is attached. After reviewing his report there were comments, questions, and lengthy discussion. Terrell then highly recommended that we have future January and May sectional tournaments at the club. He went on to say that the work required is significantly less (i.e. hauling supplies to The Clarion, setting up tables and so forth) and the money stays in our club. Terrell also reported that the April 29-30, 2017 NLM tournament will be at the new Lexington Senior’s Center and it should be a very good venue for us. He further explained that, at this point in time, staff at the Senior Center will not enter into discussion about having any future tournaments there. Andra then pointed out that the upcoming May sectional has already been advertised to take place at The Clarion Hotel but we could change to another venue if we vote to do so. Director Brad Beck then summarized the discussion saying that we should continue to negotiate with the Senior Center for future sectional tournaments as well as having as many tournaments as possible at the club. Chuck pointed out that we need to be very good tenants at the Lexington Senior’s Center so they will be willing to accommodate us in the future. Terrell said we will need to hire security at the Senior Center but there is no rent charged. Also, the Unit will be responsible to provide a bridge teacher to teach at the Senior Center one time per month. (Darryl Bennett has agreed to teach these monthly classes.) It was also suggested that we could give the Senior Center a donation. Director Mike Proctor then suggested the Fayette County Agricultural Extension Office on Red Mile Road as a possible venue for tournaments. Terrell agreed to visit this potential venue. Terrell then said that if we find another venue for upcoming tournaments we must cancel with The Clarion three months in advance. He said a decision about venues in 2018 needs to be made by the May Board meeting.

Treasurer’s Reports – Director Ted Addleton reported. He distributed his treasurer’s reports and reviewed the reports. Reports are attached.

1. Lexington 2016 Sizzlin’ Swiss Sectional: Ted pointed out that the bottom line shows the tournament made \$317 in profit. The previous year’s Sizzlin’ Swiss resulted in more profit mostly due to increased expenses in 2016 over 2015. The 2015 Sectional was held at the Bridge Club. He said that ACBL increased their fee in 2016 and hospitality expenses also increased..
2. Louisville/Lexington Regional: Ted reported that the \$23,000 profit from this regional is split with the Louisville bridge club. In response to a question he also said that a \$5,000 balance always stays in the bank.
3. Unit 164 Financial Report – Ted said that we now have \$95,000 cash on hand.
4. Investment Status – Ted said that a majority of funds still remain in CDs.

After comments were made and questions answered, Andra said we will file for audit. A committee will need to be appointed in May to conduct the audit early in FY2018.

Cabin Fever Sectional/ 2017 status – Previously reported and discussed.

Committee Chair Reports

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1. Education – Director Darryl Bennett reported. He said there is another OLLI class scheduled for a date in early spring and Tom Stanwix-Hay will teach the class. He also said that currently there is no Learn Bridge in a Day scheduled.
2. Membership – Ellen reported that Unit 164 had a total of 376 members in July, 2016 and 359 members as of December 2016; a loss of 17 members, several of which are snowbirds. Ellen said she sent eight new member letters since August, 1 2016 and she has sent letters or made phone calls to 15 Unit 164 members whose memberships have expired. There have been four memberships reinstated during that same time period. There was discussion and it was noted that the ACBL gives a stipend to Unit 164 for each member of the Unit.
3. Ethics – There was no report
4. Publicity – Director Nancy Colby reporting. She said she distributed to board members present the new Unit 164 Membership Directory. She said that Steven King, Carmen Bishop and her husband, Frank, helped her with this project for which she is very grateful. Nancy then commented about ideas she has for club and unit publicity. Andra complimented Nancy for her work generally and for the fine work she has done on the Mid-west Monitor. Nancy said she has some thoughts about how to help the games run more efficiently. A discussion of methods to promote the smooth running of games included posting suggestions and making a power point presentation.

Youth Camp 2017 --

Ellen reported and a written report is attached. Ellen suggested that the name of the camp change from “Bridge Camp” to “Bridge-School Camp.” She further suggested we have the camp the first week that Fayette County schools are out for the summer and the camp should run for three 6-hour days. We should charge a minimal fee and we should pay for advertisement in the Lexington Herald-Leader newspaper. There was general consensus for all of these suggestions. After the report, Chuck made a motion to run the camp for three 6-hour days and pay to advertise in the Herald-Leader. The motion was seconded and carried.

Old Business

1. Update on Sectional and Regional Sanctions – Darryl reported that the sanctions are current for May, September and January through 2020. The only thing that needs to be changed is the September Sectional which still has Pine Mountain as the location. He said he is working on making this change.
2. Update on May Sectional 2017 – Brad reported. He said the flyer is completed and has been posted on the web-site. He will send flyers to the other bridge clubs in the region. He also said that he has plenty of volunteers for the event.
3. Update on NLM Regional 2017 –Andra reported. She said the venue is the Lexington Senior’s Center. Information about the regional is on the website and brochures are being printed.
4. Update on LBIAD/OLLI – This was previously discussed.

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5. Update on Louisville/Lexington Regionals 2017 – This was previously discussed.
6. Update for Venues for Cabin Fever and Bluegrass Sectionals – This was previously discussed.
7. New Unit Directory – Nancy was again thanked for her work on this project.

New Business

1. District 11 Board Meeting Report – Louisville – This was previously discussed.
2. Chair for Sizzlin' Swiss Sectional 2017 – It was reported that the Holts are chairing this event.
3. Chair for Cabin Fever Sectional – It was reported that Konner Spalding and Sandra Marlin are chairing the Cabin Fever sectional in January 2018.
4. Nominating Committee – Andra said we need to have a nomination for new directors and Darryl agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Andra said that we need two directors to sit on this Committee. Director Russ Whitney agreed to be on the Committee and Mike Proctor also volunteered. Andra then reported that memberships that will expire are Sondra Holt's first term and she can be re-elected. Norma Greely's term is also up and she can be re-elected. Susan Dance can be re-elected. Brad Beck's membership is up for re-election. The due date for nominations to be posted on the web-site is 30 days in advance. Darryl then suggested that he should email all Unit 164 members and ask for nominations from the general membership. (A later review of the by-laws indicated that Darryl's suggestion is not supported by the by-laws so he should not poll the general membership.)

Mike then reported that he is looking into the possibility of having a bridge cruise for the Lexington Bridge Club members. There were questions and positive comments made. No date has been set but it would probably take place in 2018.

Other Items for Discussion – Board

Adjourn – A motion was made by Darryl to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hume, Secretary, ACBL Unit 164