

**MINUTES
Of the
Unit 164 Board Meeting**

Held May 13, 2017 at 365 Melbourne Way, Lexington, Kentucky

Members Present: Ted Addleton, Brad Beck, Darryl Bennett, Nancy Colby, Chuck Dean, Andra Gyor, Sondra Holt, Ellen Hume, Mike Proctor.

Members Absent: Susan Dance, Norma Greely, John Kennedy, Russ Whitney

Guests: Terrell Holt, President, ACBL District 11, Sandra Marlin

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

Opening Remarks – Andra reported that we have a quorum of members in attendance and opened the meeting by asking Director Ellen Hume to address the January 21, 2017 board meeting minutes.

Minutes from January 21, 2017 Board Meeting – Ellen said she had sent a digital copy of the January 21 meeting minutes to all board members approximately a week ago and had distributed hard copies to all members present. After a moment for review Andra asked if there were any questions or comments. No corrections were made and Andra then stated that the minutes stand approved as read.

Treasurer's Reports – Director Ted Addleton referred board members to his written report which he distributed to all present. The reports are attached and should be referred to for details.

- 1, Balance Sheet – Ted reported that as of May 13 we have approximately \$98,000 in assets. In December 2016 we had approximately \$95,900 in assets.
2. Profit/Loss Statement – Ted said these reports show the results of each tournament and, year-to-date, we have a combined \$13,000 net profit.
3. Profit /loss for 2017 Cabin Fever – Ted said we realized a profit of \$1,400 for this tournament. He said the report also includes information that compares the 2017 Cabin Fever profit/loss to the 2016 Cabin Fever profit/loss.
4. Profit and loss for the 2017 NLM -- Ted said we had a profit of \$3,600.
5. Investment Statement – Ted said that this report lists our certificates of deposit and the bottom line has not changed significantly.

After a couple of questions and comments, the Treasurer's reports were accepted and Ted was thanked for the reports. Andra said we will file the Treasurer's report for audit.

Andra then appointed Director Chuck Dean to chair the Audit Committee and Chuck said he will get two other board members to complete this task.

Lexington Spring Sectional Status – Director Brad Beck reporting. Brad said the sign-up sheets did not end up being a good way to get reliable information and had negative connotations for some out of town players. After brief discussion a director questioned if we need to have sign-up sheets. The possibility of over-crowding, not club convenience, was the reason for using sign-up sheets but Terrell Holt said we may be able to control numbers by simply not publicizing our sectionals. Andra then stated that we must send a flyer to ACBL. There was further discussion and consensus was that we will not use sign-up sheets in the future and we will not send flyers to other clubs as advertisement. Terrell then said thus far we have 76 tables and that number will increase with the Saturday night and the Sunday Swiss games. He further noted that this number is down from last year's spring sectional but we expected that number to be down.

Committee Chair Reports

1. Education – Director Darryl Bennett reported that 24 people have signed up for LBIAD which is scheduled for May 20, 2017. Sondra Holt said that Tom Stanwix-Hay has completed the first OLLI class and he is planning another OLLI class in October. It was then reported that the Lexington Senior Center has a duplicate bridge game on a weekly basis that is well attended. Discussion ensued about the possibility of having the Senior Center as another sanctioned club. Consensus was that this is an idea worth pursuing.

Discussion then turned to the status of other sanctioned clubs. It was reported that the London Club is no longer sanctioned or operating. Somerset is still a sanctioned club. Andra said that she has not heard back from the Maysville Club director so she is not sure if they are still in operation. Terrell said he will follow up on determining if Maysville is still in operation as he knows the person who was the director.

2. Membership – Director Ellen Hume reported that there are currently 368 Unit 164 members. In February, 2017 there were 361 members, an increase of seven members. Ellen said she has sent eight new member letters with three free game certificates since February, 2017. During that same time period she has sent eight letters to members who have let their membership expire.
3. Ethics – Chuck said there is no report.
4. Publicity – Director Nancy Colby reporting. She said she helped with publicity for the upcoming youth bridge school. She said writing for the Midwest Monitor is going fine and she enjoys the work. She then reported on ideas for club bulletin boards and wants to proceed in a direction that gives club members opportunities to get to know each other. Chuck suggested that people who are “twos” and “threes” for the Eight is Enough game don't know the “ones” so this perhaps could be addressed via the bulletin boards. There

were additional comments and suggestions and Nancy was thanked for her work.

5. Nominating Committee Slate for 2017 – Andra said we are having an election May 14, 2017 for Unit 164 vacant board positions. The positions are as follows:

Sondra Holt – Unit Representative
Norma Greely – Board Member
Susan Dance – Board Member
Bradley Beck – Board Member

Darryl said everybody in the vacant slots have agreed to run again. It was noted that Andra will conduct the election as the first agenda item at the May 14 General Membership meeting. Andra must ask for other nominations from the floor. Sondra is the Unit Representative and her position has to be elected separately. The meeting will then be adjourned before the Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards are given.

6. Audit Report for FY 2016 Financials – Andra previously appointed Director Chuck Dean to chair this committee and Chuck said he would ask two other board members to serve. Chuck then explained that the audit requires the examination of ten transactions made between July, 2016 and June, 2017.

Youth Camp 2017 –Ellen reported that currently there are 13 registered campers, three of which are directly associated with the paid ads from the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Old Business

1. Update on Sectional and Regional Sanctions – Darryl said there is no change to report. The sanctions are updated through 2020. He did say he needs to change the Pine Mountain sanction to reflect the current Lexington location.
2. Update on September Sizzlin’ Swiss Sectional – Terrell said this sectional is ready to go. It was reported that Jackie Merkel will not direct this year’s Sizzlin’ Swiss.
3. Update on Louisville/Lexington Regional 2017 – Unit Representative Sondra Holt reported on the status of the Louisville/Lexington Regional and she said it is in good shape. There is nothing further to report at this point in time.
4. Update on Cabin Fever Sectional - 2018 – Sandra Marlin and Konner are co-directors for this event and Sandra said there is no report at this time. She did note that this sectional has been moved to the Lexington Bridge Club.
5. Venue Change for Cabin Fever and Spring Sectionals – Andra reported on the change of venue. She said that Unit 164 cancelled the contract for the 2017 spring sectional with The Clarion Hotel and then The Clarion cancelled us for all future contracts. Andra said that unless we find another venue, all future sectionals will be at the Lexington Bridge Club. She said we are receiving a significant discount from the club but we must clean up after the tournament and leave the club as we found it.

New Business

1. District 11 Board Meeting Reports – Indianapolis – Terrell reported and his written report is attached. His report included the fact that Unit 164 will be sending \$1 per table to the treasurer of the 2020 NABC for the Columbus, OH ACBL National Tournament. A director asked if we are raising the cost of the Sectionals to \$12 per person to cover this expense. There was lengthy discussion and several suggestions and Terrell said this board will ultimately make that decision. Darryl asked if the Unit could cover the fee without a per player price increase since the Unit is in good financial shape. It was then suggested we do not increase the fee and there was further discussion. No decision or vote was made concerning raising the per player fee during this board meeting. At this point in time, the fee will not be increased.
2. Report on NLM “Racing for Gold” Regional – Sandra Marlin reported that we had a great tournament and that attendance was up 24% from the NLM the previous year.
3. Chair for Lexington Spring Sectional – May 2018 – Andra said this chairmanship is open and she asked for volunteers to direct this tournament. Mike Proctor volunteered. Andra thanked Mike for volunteering and she said he can get a co-director and he will need a hospitality chair.
4. Co-Chairs for Lexington NLM Sectional – July 2018 -- Tom and Kathy Stanwix-Hay have agreed to direct this tournament. It was noted that Terrell and Sondra Holt have agreed to direct the Sizzlin’ Swiss tournament in 2018 and beyond until further notification.
5. Donation to Columbus 2020 NABC – This was previously discussed.
6. Purchase of New Coolers for Unit 164 Tournaments. It was reported that Andra does not need approval for this as she can use her discretionary fund money.

Other Items for Discussion

Discussion then took place concerning the webmaster and who is responsible for adding or deleting information. It was noted that Mike McCann is responsible for the Unit webmaster and Mike Proctor is now responsible for the club website. Andra asked if two people could be responsible for both sites. If this were the case, if one person is out of town the other can take responsibility. There was brief discussion and Andra said she will add this issue to the next board meeting agenda.

Adjourn

Darryl moved for adjournment and the motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen J. Hume, Secretary
ACBL Unit 164

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