

Minutes of the ACBL Board of Director's Meeting
January 19, 2019

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of the
Unit 164 Board Meeting**

Held January 19, 2019 at the Bridge Club of Lexington
Lansdowne Drive
Lexington, Kentucky

Members Present: Ted Addleton, Brad Beck, Darryl Bennett, Chuck Dean, Andra Gyor, Mina Hedayati, Ellen Hume, Bob Korten and Mike Proctor, Melena VanArsdall

Members Absent: Susan Dance, Norma Greely, Sondra Holt, and John Kennedy

Guests: Bob Houtrow, Paul Moss

The meeting was called to order by Director and President Andra Gyor at 4:45PM and she welcomed our out of town guest Bob Houtrow to the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Andra made brief opening remarks and asked Director Ellen Hume if we had a quorum. Ellen reported that we did have a quorum in attendance so the meeting can proceed.

Minutes from May 19, 2018 Unit 164 Board Meeting: Ellen distributed the minutes from the May 19, 2018 Unit 164 Board Meeting. After brief review by the board members the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Reports: Director Ted Addleton distributed the Treasurer's Reports which included Profit and Loss statements, Balance Sheet, and Schedule of CDs. Ted said we have had four tournaments since the last board meeting. He then went over the reports which are attached.

1. May Sectional – Ted pointed out that our revenue for the May Sectional went up last year in table count by 5.5 tables and in profit by \$760.
2. NLM – Ted said that the tournament held in 2018 was a Sectional tournament and the year before it was a Regional. For that reason he said we should compare table count and financial results of years 2016 and 2018.
3. Lexington Sizzlin' Swiss Sectional – Ted said our count went down by four tables but proceeds went up because we charged higher entry fees that year. Also, that year was the first tournament in which we had to pay sales tax.
4. Lou/Lex Regional Tournament – Ted said the Unit made \$18,794 of which we share half with the Louisville Bridge Club. He further reported that we had fewer tables so the profits were down from the year before.
5. Balance Sheet – Ted said Unit 164 has approximately \$120,000 cash balance with no liabilities.

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6. Profit and Loss Statement by tournament – Ted said that in 2018 we made approximately \$12,000 from our tournaments and in calendar year 2017 we also made approximately \$12,000.

Ted said that this year he consolidated all the CDs owned by the Unit into one Bank of Lexington CD.

Ted mentioned that he has one lengthy report that includes the details of all the summary reports. It is available for any board member to review if they wish to do so. Ted then concluded his report.

Director Darryl Bennett then began a discussion of the Unit's cash balance and questioned why we are holding on to so much cash. He also questioned the increase of tournament fees particularly since we hold so much cash. Andra said we increased the fee because of the tax we now have to pay and because of the \$1 fee we have to pay for the NABC tournament. Director Chuck Dean said our hope is to have our own building for the Lexington bridge club. After brief discussion of this issue Andra suggested that we discuss this at the next board meeting. There was brief discussion of the Treasurer's report after which Andra said if there are no more questions we would file for audit. There were no questions.

Cabin Fever Sectional/2019 Status

Director Bob Korten said this year we experimented with the 10:00AM and 2:30PM game start time (on previous years the start times were 1:30PM and 7:00PM) and he heard no complaints. He also said we were up one table. Paul Moss said he heard someone lament that there was not an evening game on Friday. Andra responded that some people who work full time are now unable to play on Friday. Bob said there were 18 KO teams but we were down 1 table for the afternoon pair's game. Bob then thanked the volunteers who helped pull this tournament together.

Committee Chair Reports:

1. Education—Darryl reported that Carol Fox is currently teaching classes and Tom Stanwix-Hay and Kathy are teaching OLLI classes.
2. Membership—Ellen reported that there are currently 342 Unit 164 members. In May of 2018 there were 361 members. Ellen said she has sent 28 expired membership letters since June, 2018 and seven new member letters during the same time period. She said that 11 of the membership losses that occurred in June 2018 were bridge camp attendees who joined the ACBL free of charge but did not renew their membership in 2018.

Chuck said he is aware that we have four new bridge players to Unit 164 that have moved to this area from out of town but their membership has not been transferred to our Unit. He asked how we can have them included as

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members. Andra asked Chuck to give her a list of their names so we can inform them to have their membership transferred.

3. Ethics – Chuck said there is no report.
4. Publicity – Andra reported for Susan Dance. Andra said Susan has been working on the membership directory and she believes the directory will be available in short order.

Youth Camp 2019

Andra reported that Ellen has been trying to find someone to take over the youth camp but no one has volunteered. Andra asked the Board members if we want to try to have a youth camp this year and if so, how to go about it. Director Melena VanArsdall asked if we don't have the camp will it effect our tax status as an educational institution. This problem was briefly discussed. Chuck suggested that we poll the club members to determine if there is interest for someone to coordinate the camp. Andra then said perhaps we can have a Learn Bridge in a Day for middle schoolers and high schoolers. There was enthusiasm for this idea and it was discussed at length with many suggestions on various ways to organize it. One suggestion was to pitch it as a Learn Bridge in a Day youth camp with parents welcome. Darryl agreed to teach the class. There was lengthy discussion and the final consensus was to move toward having this event in the summer or fall. Chuck said we should check the Fayette County school schedule. Consensus was to offer it free of charge. Darryl remarked that we don't have to wait until summer because if we have it on a Saturday we won't need to be concerned about the school schedule. Ellen agreed to help with advertising. In closing this agenda item, Andra said we will include this on our agenda for the May meeting.

Old Business

1. Update on Sectional and Regional Sanctions – Andra opened this discussion and referred to a hard copy list of all tournaments through 2023. Darryl then said the ACBL website does not list all the tournaments in spite of the fact that they are sanctioned. He further noted that the location for the Unit 164 fall Sectional for 2020 is listed on the ACBL website as Pineville. There was brief discussion and Darryl said he will continue to work on correcting these inaccuracies.
2. Update on May Spring Sectional – Darryl reported that Regina Russell is co-chair and Jill Ohlson is the partnership chair. Darryl said when the flyer for the May sectional is completed he will send it to ACBL for approval.
3. Update on NLM Sectional – Andra said the flyer has been approved and it has been printed. Tom and Kathy Stanwix-Hay are the partnership chairs.
4. Update on Lou/Lex Regional 2019 – Andra reported that Sondra Holt and Hannah Davis are the co-chairs for this event. This tournament is on track.
5. Game Times for Sectional Tournaments – 2019 – Andra said that it appears that we are in favor of the new game times. We will continue with those times for our Sectionals. Andra said she will remind the co-chairs of the \$1 table fee through March 2020.

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New Business

1. Proposed Revisions from By-laws Committee – Andra said that every four years the By-laws must be reviewed and up-dated if needed. She said that a committee consisting of three members: Ellen Hume, Sondra Holt, and herself reviewed the By-laws and the Standing Rules and have made suggested changes. Andra then distributed a copy of the current By-laws and the Standing Rules with the changes highlighted. She then reviewed the suggested changes. The By-laws and Standing Rules with the changes noted are attached. There were comments made and lengthy discussion and a couple of additional changes were made. The changes suggested during the meeting are also noted in the attached By-laws. After discussion Director Mike Proctor moved to accept the changes to the By-laws. The motion was seconded by Darryl Bennett and carried.

Andra then mentioned that there is a difference between the entities “The Lexington Bridge Club Board” and the “The ACBL Unit 164 Board.” She went on to say that the Unit 164 Board’s primary responsibilities are to administer four sectional tournaments annually and to provide support for the bridge clubs in our Unit. The Lexington Bridge Club Board is responsible for scheduling all the club games, hiring directors, setting prices, and so on. She said when this comes up in conversation and is misunderstood, we should explain the difference.

2. District 11 Board Meeting Reports – Cincinnati, Dayton, and Louisville – Andra distributed and briefly reviewed Director Sondra Holt’s Board Meeting reports. Andra specifically referred to the District 11 Board Meeting in Dayton report concerning the Charity Fund money. She said that Unit 164 received \$5,000 to donate to a charity of our choice. Andra said she chose to donate to the Nursing Home Ombudsman Association of the Bluegrass. Subsequently, this organization received a check for \$5,000 from ACBL. Andra said she heard from the nursing home ombudsman association and they said it is the largest donation they have received in several years. They were very appreciative.
3. Chair for Sizzlin’ Swiss Sectional – 2019 – Sondra and Terrell will chair this tournament.
4. Chair for Cabin Fever Sectional – January 2020 – Andra said we don’t have anyone to chair this tournament.
5. Pianola Point-person for Unit 164 needed – This is a new computer system that we are considering using for the Unit. Bob volunteered to be the point person. Bob then referred back to an earlier topic concerning a stipend to the winning GNT team from our Unit and moved that we approve \$300 each for Charlie Seelbach and Blaine Mullins. The motion was seconded and carried.
6. Nominating Committee – Andra said we need a Nominating Committee that will make recommendations for new Board positions. She said Chuck will rotate off the Board after serving for six years. Bob Korton has been serving in Nancy Colby’s position and his term expires but he can be reelected. Mina’s term also expires but she can be re-elected. Andra said that Pat Matheny has voiced interest in a board position. In summary, next year there are three positions to be filled

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and a committee needs to make recommendations before the May General Membership Meeting. Andra appointed Melena, Brad, and Mike for the nominating committee.

Other Items for Discussion – Board

There were no additional items for discussion and Chuck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ellen Hume, Secretary
Unit 164

attachments