

Minutes of the ACBL Board of Director's Meeting  
May 18, 2019

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of the  
Unit 164 Board Meeting**

Held May 18, 2019 at the Bridge Club of Lexington

**Members Present:** Ted Addleton, Darryl Bennett, Chuck Dean, Andra Gyor, Mina Hedayati, Sondra Holt, Terrell Holt, Ellen Hume, Bob Korten Michael Proctor, Melena VanArsdall

**Members Absent:** Brad Beck, Susan Dance, Norma Greely, John Kennedy

**Guests:** No guests were present

The meeting was called to order by the Unit 164 President and Director Andra Gyor at 4:45PM. Secretary and Director Ellen Hume said there is a quorum of members in attendance so the meeting can go forward.

**Opening Remarks** – Andra made opening remarks and welcomed all to the board meeting. She then reported that Director Sondra Holt has resigned as our Unit Representative. She said Sondra wishes to have more time to spend working on Club business and co-chairing our Unit Regional and our Sizzlin' Swiss Sectional. Andra went on to say she has asked Terrell Holt to be Sondra's replacement. Director Chuck Dean then moved to nominate Terrell as our Unit Representative. The motion was seconded by Director Darryl Bennett and the motion carried.

**Minutes from Unit 164 Cabin Fever Sectional** – Ellen distributed draft minutes from the January 19, 2019 Unit 164 Board Meeting for review and approval. After a brief review of the document the minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Reports** –Treasurer and Director Ted Addleton distributed copies of the Treasurer's Reports. He began his report by saying there was good news as House Bill 354 reverses our requirement to pay sales tax on individual player's fees and we no longer have to pay this tax. Ted said he filed to remove our sales tax number.

Ted went on to summarize his reports which are attached. The Balance Sheet shows that we have a bottom line of \$119,000.

1. Cabin Fever Sectional Financials, January 2019 – Ted reported that we made \$1,017 on this tournament. He said our number of tables went down for this Sectional by 23 ½ tables. However the money brought in was about the same because we charged \$13 per game rather than \$11. It was then mentioned that

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we increased our fees in order to send \$1 to Columbus for the upcoming National event and to pay sales tax.

2. Unit 164 Financial Report – Ted summarized the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss report, and Schedule of CDs,
3. Investment Status – We have \$70,000 invested in a CD for our Building Fund.

There were some comments and questions concerning Ted's report. Then Andra said if there were no more questions we will file for audit. There were no further questions and Ted was thanked for his work on these reports and for the work he does as Unit Treasurer.

**Lexington Spring Sectional Status** – Director Darryl Bennett said as of now we are up 4 ½ tables this year. Darryl said it might be because we changed the time of the pair's sessions to 10:00AM and 2:30PM. There was discussion about the date that we hold this tournament and the times of the sessions. After brief discussion there was agreement to keep the current date and game schedule for next year. Darryl then thanked Andra and volunteer Kathy Proctor for all the fine work they have done for hospitality. There were several positive comments made by the board members in agreement with Darryl's statement of thanks and appreciation.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

1. Education – Darryl said there is no report.
2. Membership – Ellen reported that as of May 1, 2019 there are 344 Unit 164 members, an increase of two members since our January 2019 Board meeting. Since February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 the Unit has added six new members and has lost six members. (The increase in overall member numbers may be due to the return of those Unit 164 members who spend the winters in Florida as their membership transfers with them.) Letters were sent to all the new members with three free game coupons and expired membership letters were sent to those who have let their membership lapse for more than three months. Ellen also commented that she is aware of several new players in our Unit so the near future might bring new ACBL members. She said she has spoken with some of the new players who said they were introduced to bridge through the OLLI classes.
3. Ethics – Chuck had no report.
4. Publicity – Publicity Chair Susan Dance was not in attendance to give this report. Andra said that Susan and she did send the new 2019 Unit Directory to our members and that Susan did a good job.
5. Nominating Committee Slate for 2019 – Andra reported that the Nominating Committee consisted of Director Melena VanArsdall, Director Mike Proctor and Director Brad Beck. The Committee has put forward a Slate to re-elect Director Mina Hedayati, and to elect Pat Matheny (to replace Chuck Dean whose term expires on July 1, 2019), and Bob Korten (Bob is currently replacing Nancy Colby) to the Board. There was consensus to put forth these nominees for vote during the General Membership meeting on Sunday.

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6. Audit Report for FY 2018 Financials – Chuck said the audit report has not been done at this point in time. Andra said the new Audit Committee Chair will need to complete this task as soon as possible.

### **Youth Camp “Learn Bridge in a Day” 2019**

Andra asked Darryl to report on this issue. Darryl said that during the January meeting we decided we would discuss Learn Bridge in a Day camp for youth during the May meeting. Andra said her notes from the January meeting indicate that Darryl volunteered to teach and Sondra agreed to do publicity. Discussion about this ensued and there was strong consensus that we must come up with a date for this event during this meeting and make a decision on who is going to teach so that we move forward with it. The date to hold this event was discussed at length which included considering the dates of school for Fayette County and for private schools, holidays such as Labor Day, as well as Unit 164 tournament dates; all of which need to be worked around. Terrell said the youth LBIAD event should be immediately followed by beginner's bridge classes probably to be taught by Carol Fox. Discussion returned to how to present this event and consensus was reached to have LBIAD for youth 13 years of age and older accompanied by parents with free class materials and free lunch but we will charge a small amount for the event itself. In order to keep the registrants continuing with and interested in bridge there will be classes taught beginning within one week of the LBIAD event. After more discussion the decision was to have the LBIAD event on Sept 7, 2019, followed by weekly bridge classes on September 14, 28, Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov. 02, 09, and 16. Discussion then turned to the amount to charge per attendee and advertising the event. The final decision was to charge \$15 per pair and \$10 for each additional member of a group. Terrell said he will make the handouts and order the sandwiches from Subway. Sondra had previously agreed to work on advertising the event.

### **Old Business**

1. Update on Sectional & Regional Sanctions – Darryl reported that we are sanctioned through 2023. He added that this includes the Sizzlin' Swiss tournament.
2. Update on Lexington NLM Sectional – July 2019 – Andra said everything is in order. The team is together and the directors are lined up.
3. Update on September Sizzlin' Swiss Sectional – Sondra and Terrell said this tournament is on schedule. The flyers are out and John Nichols and Russ Whitney are directing
4. Update on Louisville/Lexington Regional 2019 – Sondra said everything is on schedule for this tournament. Andra asked about the game time change that was initiated last year. Sondra responded that the time of the games will continue with the same schedule as last year. Terrell said there will be a continuation of the Eight is Enough games this year on Thursday and Friday. He went on to explain that last year was the first year for the Eight is Enough team games and there were 10 tables. This year they are

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trying to create more teams to play and he asked board members to help spread the word.

5. Update on Cabin Fever Sectional – 2020 (Chair Needed) – It was reported that Paul Moss and Bob Korten have agreed to chair this Sectional.
6. Required District Fees to Columbus 2020 NABC -- Andra reported on this and said she is just reminding us about this required fee.
7. By-laws/Standing Rules Revisions – Andra reported on the revisions that were made to the By-laws in January. She went on to say that one thing that we voted on was that we did not have to have our Treasurer bonded. However we found out later that our Treasurer, now and future treasurers, must be bonded. Andra said she wants to table what we decided in January. She wants the By-laws Committee to meet and revise the By-laws again. Consensus was reached to do so. It was mentioned that we simply need to apply for bonding status and pay the insurance to have Ted bonded. Ted agreed to look into it. It was also decided that the original members of the By-Laws Committee (Andra, Ellen, and Sondra) will come together before the January meeting to rewrite changes to the By-Laws concerning the bonding issue and present it at the January board meeting.

**New Business**

1. District 11 Board Meeting Reports – Indianapolis – Andra referred to the report that she distributed. Andra said the highlights in this report came from the President of District 11 as, at the last minute, she was unable to attend the meeting. Basically the report says that they are all gearing up for the Columbus National in March 2020. The report asks for volunteers during the Columbus National in areas of partnership, registration, information, prizes and so on. Also, during this discussion Terrell said that District 11 has a new Education Chair. Terrell reported about an upcoming teacher certification class that is the major ACBL certification class. The class has been revised and updated. It will be held at the Cincinnati Bridge Center during the first two days of the Regional Tournament, June 2-8.
2. Columbus NABC 2020—Volunteers and Sponsorships – It was reported that the Columbus Tournament will be selling sweatshirts as one way to advertise this event. Andra said that as the Unit board we need to talk this up and help get volunteers. She said we are supporting the Columbus National financially but there is further need.
3. Appointment of New Ethics Chair and Audit Report Chair – Andra said we do need to have a new chair for Ethics and for the annual audit report. Bob Korten then volunteered to be our Ethics Chair. Andra thanked Bob and asked about a chair for the Audit report. Director Mike Proctor agreed to be the Audit report chair. Mike was thanked and Andra said that Mike and Ted need to go ahead and do the 2018 report.

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4. Co-Chairs for Lexington Spring Sectional – May 2020 – Director Mina Hedayati volunteered to be the chair for this tournament. There were a couple of suggestions for co-chairs but no decision reached.
5. Co-Chairs for Lexington NLM Sectional – July 2020 – Andra said she is planning to chair the NLM Sectional in July 2020.
6. Co-Chairs for 2020 Sizzlin' Swiss – Sondra and Terrell volunteered to co-chair the 2020 Sizzlin' Swiss Sectional.

Other Items for Discussion

Bob Korten then brought up the issue of why we, as an ACBL Unit, are holding on to a lot of cash. He said he understands that the future plan is to have our own building but we either need to move forward with the building or not. He suggested a future date such as three years from now. He said at that point in time if we don't have solid plans to build then we need to decide something else to do with the cash. He mentioned that he was pleased that some funds were being spent on free lunches during this tournament which he sees as one way of "giving back" to our members. Discussion around this issue took place. Sondra talked about the fact that, since we are currently renting, if we have to move from this location we will need money to move and remodel another facility whether we have a building or not. She went on to say there is the possibility of getting land at an affordable price for a building and that, although this has been discussed for several years, there is currently progress being made. There were several additional comments and Bob reiterated that if we do not have solid plans to build in (perhaps) three years we should plan something else with the cash on hand and there was general agreement. He went on to say that we are making \$10,000 a year. The discussion continued and veered to related topics. Terrell commented that we need to lay the framework for upcoming ACBL members to keep this club going. Terrell also talked about having a space for party bridge players as we may be able to grow the club that way. Currently we don't have enough space for this but he is aware that this has been a successful strategy in Europe.

Bob then brought up what we pay caddies and opined that we should increase caddy pay. There was strong agreement to do this. Current pay is \$30 per caddy per session and Bob moved we make it \$50 per caddy per session. There was discussion and another motion was made by Chuck Dean to increase the pay to \$40 per caddy per session effective with this tournament. The motion was seconded and carried.

Adjourn – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hume, Secretary, Unit 164