

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Unit 164 Board Meeting**

Held January 21, 2023, at the Bridge Club of Lexington

**Members Present:** Ted Addleton, Jennifer Coffman, Chuck Dean, Mina Hedayati, Terrell Holt, Ellen Hume, Robert Korten, Pat Matheny, Tom Stanwix-Hay, and Melena VanArsdall

**Members Absent:** Brad Beck, Elizabeth Johnson, John Kennedy, Mike Proctor

**Guests:** Darryl Bennett, Andra Gyor, Sondra Holt

There was a quorum present so the meeting began with opening remarks by Unit 164 President Robert Korten.

**Opening Remarks** – Bob welcomed attendees and thanked them for serving on the Board. He then reviewed the purposes of the Board (as listed in Section 1.3 of the Unit's Bylaws). These purposes include to develop and support programs that encourage participation in the game of duplicate bridge; to promulgate high standards of conduct and ethics; to provide organized bridge activities and services; to promote membership in the ACBL; and to conduct tournaments and other competitive bridge event (please refer to the Bylaws for complete wording).

He went on to say that we also have a fiduciary responsibility. The Unit Board members have a responsibility to help grow the club. As Board members we have the responsibility to be supportive of all activities of the Unit to ensure its success. Our meetings are to conduct business, not review material that was distributed in advance of the meeting. As Board members we should review materials sent to us ahead of time and be ready to accept the reports as written or to ask questions at the appropriate time.

**Minutes from May 14, 2022, Unit 164 Board Meeting**—Director and Secretary Ellen Hume distributed the minutes from the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Unit Board meeting for review and approval. After a brief review, Director Chuck Dean made a motion that the minutes will stand as written. Director Jennifer Coffman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**—Director and Treasurer Ted Addleton distributed the Treasurer's reports. Ted summarized the reports which are attached to the original minutes.

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Ted' summary included the following: he said we have had four tournaments since our last meeting. Summaries of those tournaments are in the Treasurer's Reports. Ted explained that, typically, he will show a comparison between the previous and current year's Tournament's Financial Reports but, because of the Covid years, it is hard to compare. He said, instead, he went back to 2019 and compared that year to 2022. What stood out the most is that in 2022 attendance went down to 50-60% of 2019. However, concerning the Louisville/Lexington Regional Tournament, even with attendance down, the Regional Tournament made a profit of approximately \$10,000.

He explained that we received \$1,800 from ACBL because we had collected and forwarded funds in support of the Columbus National Tournament and the Tournament was cancelled.

Ted summarized the Balance Sheet. He pointed out that we essentially have no liabilities. He said we have more than \$120,000 cash. For the year the Unit lost approximately \$5,000. Our BB&T CD has a balance of \$71,000.

Ted then talked about The Give Back budget which has been revised. Specifically, the \$30,000 Contingent Liability has been removed. \$30,000 for club relocation and \$30,000 excess cash required by the ACBL remain in that Budget. After Ted's review of the Give Back Budget, Director Terrell Holt said he believes the \$30,000 relocation cost is too low. He suggested we should raise that to \$80,000 as it cost more than \$120,000 to remodel and move into our current location many years ago. Discussion then revolved around what size and type of facility we will need if we must move from our current location. The consensus was we want a nice facility for our members to use. Ted then said the \$30,000 reserve for club relocation is not fixed and can be changed at any time in the next five years. Terrell agreed and questioned if we should do so sooner rather than later. He said we should be careful and manage our fiduciary responsibility well.

Bob then asked the Board members to consider what we should charge for the upcoming Sectionals keeping in mind that we must give \$1.00 per attendee per tournament to the Louisville NABC Committee in support of the District Seven Spring National. After discussion, Director Mina Hedayati moved that we increase the price to attend the May, September and January Sectionals to \$16 . Terrell seconded. Passed unanimously.

Annual Audit. Ted asked for a volunteer to conduct the audit. Director Jennifer Coffman volunteered.

1. Unit 164 Financial Reports—see above.
2. Investment Status—see above.

**Cabin Fever Sectional/2023 Status Report**—Bob reported that on Friday we had 34 ½ tables and today we had 50 tables.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

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1. Education— Darryl Bennett reported. He questioned and began a discussion of the teacher certification issue. Both Tom and Darryl said they are not interested in becoming Teacher Certified. Bob said he was neutral on the subject. The issue was resolved only to the extent that there is little interest in pursuing teacher certification.
2. Membership – Ellen reported that there are currently 282 Unit 164 members. She said she has sent nine New Member packets to new ACBL members since February, 2022. In addition, she has sent several letters and/or spoken to previous members who have let their membership lapse.
3. Publicity – After brief discussion it was decided to delete this Committee as it may no longer be necessary.

**Learn Bridge in a Day**— Darryl reported that Director Tom Stanwix-Hay is teaching LBIAD in February through OLLI. The Unit will pay for lunch. Tom said OLLI pays for the cost of handouts. Darryl then said that Tom will follow up with another nine session OLLI class for bidding and Darryl will have advanced bidding class that is not through OLLI. Bob said he wants the Unit to have another Learn Bridge in a Day in July that is not through OLLI. The reason for doing so through the Club rather than through OLLI is it might reach people who don't know about OLLI or do not qualify for OLLI.

**Old Business**

1. Update on Sectional and Regional Sanctions – Darryl reported. We have Regional sanctions completed for 2023 through 2025. Concerning Sectionals, the ACBL calendar no longer lists our 2024-2025 Sectionals. Darryl said he will follow-up with the ACBL. We were down 48%. ????????
2. Update on 2022 Louisville/Lexington Regional – Sondra Holt reported that our participation was down 48%. Although participation was down the food and beverage minimum was waved by the facility and the Regional returned a profit of approximately \$10,000.
3. Update on Lexington NLM -- Andra Gyor reported. She said work on this tournament is moving forward and up to date.
4. Update on Lexington Spring Sectional – Jennifer reported that she is putting together a Committee for this tournament. She said she plans to update the local restaurant list and hotel list. Plans are moving along as expected.
5. Update on September Sizzlin' Swiss – Bob said that Director Elizabeth Johnson has agreed to Chair this tournament. She will provide a report at our May Board meeting.
6. District 11 Board Meeting Report -- Terrell had previously sent out the report. There were no questions.
7. District 11 ST@C Games
  - a) Continued Unit Financial Support – Sondra Holt reported. She said the Unit contributed \$2,800 to cover the extra St@c costs. There was brief discussion about continuing to subsidize ST@C games in 2023. It was noted that 2022 had

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eight ST@C games and 2023 will have three ST@C games. Director Chuck Dean then moved to continue the subsidy for the three scheduled ST@C games in 2023. Terrell seconded and the motion carried.

**New Business**

1. Unit Presidents meeting with ACBL acting CEO discussion.
  - a) This report was distributed to the Board on Dec. 14, 2022  
Bob asked if there were any questions about this. Bob said one important fact he gleaned from the meeting was that ACBL supports face -to-face and online bridge equally.
2. 2023 Louisville/Lexington Regional -- Andra reported that we will not be going back to Horseshoe in Indiana for this Tournament. Sondra Holt was able to negotiate the Unit out of our contract with Horseshoe without cost. A volunteer Committee consisting of six members from Louisville and Lexington clubs will be needed to plan and run this Tournament. She said that in 2023 we will hold the Regional Tournament in the Louisville club. As a backup we have secured the Tom Sawyer Community Center. A decision was made to have a shorter regional Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 11. Andra said she is Looking for a Co-chair to help with this tournament and she is currently working on the flyer.
3. Cabin Fever Sectional 2024—Bob said we need a volunteer to run it. Director Melena VansArsdall agreed to Co-Chair this Sectional with Bob's assistance
4. Grant Requests from The Bridge Club of Lexington – This discussion is deferred until May.
  - a) Chairs
  - b) Interior Painting
5. "Local" vs Championship Sectionals. Which should we run? – Chuck said we can use one of our local directors so long as they are trained and certified to do so. Russ is so trained. It was noted that we currently pay \$1,900 for a director for three days. Further, If we have a 3-day sectional and end up with 25 or more tables we are required to have an ACBL director. After further discussion Bob said we will discuss this further in May.
6. Sectional Entry Fees -- This issue was already discussed.
7. Dissolution of Unit 227 and merger into Unit 164. Bob reported that ACBL Unit 227 will be dissolved and will become part of Unit 164. Bob said Unit 227 has 87 members from Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia. They will bring us their treasury of about \$8,400. Further Jim Ohlson from Unit 227 has agreed to replace John Kennedy on the Board. A motion was then made by Chuck to elect Jim Ohlson to the Unit Board when the merger is completed. The motion was seconded and carried.
8. Bylaws revision: Article V, Section 5.4 -- Bob reported on this issue that concerns requiring a quorum of "50" members in good standing to hold a Unit membership meeting. Chuck made a motion to change the wording of Article 5.4 to say: "A quorum of any Membership Meeting is the number of members in good standing

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present and attending the meeting.” The motion was seconded by Melena. There was no discussion, but the motion carried. This Bylaw change must be approved by the Unit members at the Membership meeting in May.

9. Nominating Committee -- Chuck reported that Melena is coming back on the Board.. Chuck has asked Marie Sheehy to become a member the Board and she has agreed. Jim Ohlson from Unit 227 will make the 3<sup>rd</sup> member as. Mike Proctor is going off the board.

Other Items for Discussion – No items were suggested.

Chuck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:30.

DRAFT - NOT YET APPROVED