

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2020

Location: Creve Coeur Government Center Meeting Room 2

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Mark Boswell, Terry D'Amato, Diane Deutch, Jay Shah, John Welte, Kelly White.

Absent: Maureen Curran, Estella Lau, Doug Larson

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Boswell at 7:05 PM.

Jan Potts was introduced as a candidate for board member to fill the remaining portion of Becky Hubert's term ending Nov 2020. Jan was asked to step out of the meeting. After discussion, Jan was approved by acclamation, and rejoined the meeting as a board member.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January board meeting were submitted by Dennis via e-mail. Revision 2 of minutes was approved as submitted.

President's Report:

Mark had previously reported that John Levis has resigned after the January board meeting, effective immediately.

Mark reported the Executive Committee had agreed to rent 40 tables to the ABA for their February tournament at a cost of \$1/table. ABA will also pay the storage unit fees of \$50 out and \$50 in.

Mark reported on the cost and availability of 100 Bridge Mates, 4 carrying cases, 3 servers, approximately \$15,000. Mark reported orders can be filled and shipped in a few days. Mark said the Unit might be able to share this equipment with other units in District 8 and that Mike Carmen was exploring that. Mark said the Unit can borrow/rent BridgePads from the St Louis Bridge Center for the May Sectional, so no urgency to place order. Action was tabled.

Mark reported he is in discussions with the Bridge Center about using their facilities for future sectionals. Kelly reported he had checked out Clayton's Community Center and that it was too small and more expensive. John Welte was asked to check Maryland Heights Community Center viability for future 299r tournaments.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly distributed a treasurer's report showing January activity along with fiscal year-to-date results. Kelly expressed concern about continuing significant losses as the sectionals. The report was approved as submitted.

Tournaments:

Mike Carmen was absent but had distributed a report on the January Sectional by e-mail. The event lost \$3,634, partly due to bad weather and partly due to reduced table counts. There was some discussion about ways to reduce these losses, but no decisions.

Committee Reports

Awards: No report (Doug absent.)

Bidding Boxes & Time Clocks: no report.

Caddies: Maureen was absent. Terry reported Maureen wants to pay caddies more, such as by setting out tip jars. Item was tabled.

Datebook: Nothing to report.

District 8 Report: Nothing to report.

Membership: Jay reported he did not have the in-out report needed to generate the monthly membership report. Kelly will make it available. Mark suggested modifying the welcome letter to point out the various programs available for new members.

Publicity: No report (Estella absent.)

299er Tournaments: John Welte is prepared for March 299r tournament. He will get with Estella to make arrangements for an e-mail blast. John reported that the Bridge Center has a Swiss Eight is Enough game scheduled on Sunday at the same time as the 299r Swiss event, and will draw on the same pool of players. There were 5 I/N players that attended January 26th Eight is Enough game. Those players will probably attend the I/N Tournament since there will be a chance of getting Silver Masterpoints. John Welte will talk to Mike Arnheim about making the March 26th Eight is Enough game strictly a pairs game.

Unit Electronic Contact: Kelly has ordered the Mini-McKinney medallions which will be presented at the May Sectional.

Unit Games: Dennis reported the Unit will need to designate a beneficiary of the Unit Charity game being held in November. Dennis suggested naming the Youth Bridge Camp as beneficiary. Dennis recommended the unit collect the charity monies from the clubs. The suggestions were tabled.

Website: Terry will post the Youth Bridge Camp's flyer. Terry asked for Jan for short biography and photo for posting on the website. Dennis questioned how ACBL Live results reporting will affect the unit website's Results reporting which Milt uses to determine Player of the Year. Terry reported she hasn't finished working with Milt on documenting the software. Jan reported not being able to download the membership roster from the unit website -- Terry will follow up with Milt Zlatic.

Hospitality: Diane coordinated hospitality arrangements for the 299r tournament with John Welte. .

Education / Camp Scholarships: Camp fee is \$470 this year. Mark asked Jan to take care of the scholarship the Unit has offered in the past. Some concerns were expressed about finding candidates for the scholarship.

Outreach: Doug was absent, but had submitted e-mail a preliminary summary of the surveys collected during the January Sectional. Additional surveys are still being collected at the clubs. Jan was appointed to this committee. Dennis inquired about appointing a committee chair to replace the vacancy created by John Levis's resignation -- Mark took this under advisement.

Finance: Dennis recommended Kelly be appointed Finance Committee Chair replacing John Levis. Mark agreed. Dennis recommended Zac Bettis be appointed as an off-board member. Mark wants to meet with Zac first. Mark confirmed Doug is a member of this committee.

Nominations: Dennis is seeking a replacement for John Levis.

Rules Review: Dennis reported the committee has some issues with the bylaws, so they will not be able to submit the bylaws in time for approval at the May Sectional.

Photographer: Mark said he would handle these duties at the January Sectional.

Old Business:

Replacement signage for the Regional: Jay will get costs.

Upgraded trophies for I/N players: Kelly - not discussed.

Regional Registration Gifts: Kelly was instructed to purchase 500 personalized convention card holders at \$1.35 each. Collecting email addresses in exchange for the registration gifts was discussed.

Mark purchased five new storage bins for the bidding boxes and registration gifts. .

New Business: (none)

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be March 11, 2020 at the regular time and location.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln, Secretary. Rev 1, February 14, 2020.