

## ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday March 8, 2023

Location: The meeting was conducted on-line using ZOOM.

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Sandy Bigg, Mark Boswell, Don Chase, Terry D'Amato, Diane Deutch, Steve Russell, Jay Shah, and John Welte

Absent: Ken Obrecht and Mark Zellmer

The meeting was called to order at 7:02. 9 members of the board were present, satisfying quorum requirements.

### Approval of the Minutes:

**A motion to approve the minutes was passed unanimously.**

### Treasurer's Report:

Steve reported that 1 CD came through and paid interest.

### Tournaments:

#### March 499r Tournament

John reported that it was all ready to go; Diane said she was set and would not need additional help.

#### May, 2023 Sectional

Dennis reported that he had learned from a District 8 Representative that we could run an I/N Regional at the same time as our sectional. District 8 can hold 2-5 I/N Regionals each year. Dennis said Unit 143 conducting an IN Regional in conjunction with our May Sectional would infringe on Champaign's Regional, which starts on Tuesday. He proposed doing it in October. Mark B didn't see a conflict with May. Dennis said it was too late to do this for the May Sectional but maybe we could consider it for next spring. He will talk to Champaign's Karen Walker about this first. He also pointed out that we would need to have 2 ACBL directors to do this; a tournament assistant (TA) would not suffice.

Dennis also reported that 2 of our local club directors, Beth Percich and Bob McDill, have taken the ACBL test to become TA's and are awaiting the results. Jay shared that he has also requested to take the TA test.

**The Board unanimously passed a motion to pay \$175/session for a Tournament Assistant to work at the Sectional.** The TA work can be divided up, with a total of \$1050 budgeted for the 6 sessions of the May Sectional.

Dennis pointed out that anyone who passes the TA test must also be acceptable to Peter Wilke in order to work at a tournament.

### August 2023 Regional

Dennis said that we needed to get flyers down to the NABC.

He wanted our players to take down around 200 flyers to set out (not all at once--some each day); Diane can help with this, getting with John for the flyers. We can also ask Phyllis to help with this.

We've set out about 1/3 of the 1000 flyers we had printed at the Bridge Center.

Dennis will be sending out a Pianola Save the Date email blast soon.

He's waiting on prices for offering two choices at our free lunch for Sunday's Swiss; the Board previously committed to doing this.

### Committee Work:

#### Trophies and Awards:

Mark enlisted Steve to order the medallions to hand out for the Mini-McKinney awards. The Ace of Clubs awards are certificates, so there's nothing to order there. We also need life-master pins; Mark B hands them out, but Steve will come up with the list and buy the pins. We'll also present the Player of the Year award.

The plan is to hand out awards the morning before the first session at the Sectional.

#### Caddies:

Jay needs to arrange for two caddies for the Sunday Swiss for the May Sectional. He needs to go over the process with Sandy.

### **Old Business:**

Bidding Boxes and Tables: we're set to work on this on the Saturday prior to the start of the Regional.

Free plays: Dennis will resend note about this as well as standing rules and approval process for major contracts. He would like everyone to read this and then plan to vote on it at the next meeting.

By-laws: Mark has been working to greatly simplify the by-laws with the intent of getting membership approval at the October Sectional. He would like work on this to continue and wanted Mark Z to serve on the committee. Dennis objected and felt that as chairperson of the committee that he should have a say in who served on the committee. Mark B insisted, and so

Dennis resigned from the committee. Mark B appointed Mark Z to be the chairperson of the committee.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24.

Next Board Meeting: April 12, 2023