

ACBL - UNIT 161
MINUTES of MEETING
Mar. 31, 2007
Hot Springs Village Sectional

ATTENDANCE: Bonnie Blankinship Jan Farnsworth
Jane Cherry Connie Fitch
Sharon Cissell Barbara Hess
Jane Dickey David Siebert
Warren Swift

ABSENT: Lou Agnew, Mike Compton, Anne Martin

GUESTS: Andy Cosby, Teri LaBove

I ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

II CALL TO ORDER

President David Siebert called the meeting to order. The Secretary reported the attendance and the absence of Board members was duly noted.

III MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING, May 28, 2005

Minutes of the previous meeting were corrected by the Secretary: omission of Peggy Jett's name as the Unit candidate for the Goodwill Member of the Year award, which was intended as a "secret" nomination. Motion, second, and unanimous vote to accept minutes of previous meeting, as corrected.

IV TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Following a discussion of the reinvestment of matured Time Deposit (#425669173) from Regions bank to a CD (#91000048028820) at Bank of America, treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit. Board members suggested using the word "cash" in appropriate places on the report would make it easier to read and analyze.
- B. Treasurer was instructed by the Board to deposit, into the checking account, principal from CDs anticipated to mature in mid-December.

V OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. President David presented the Nominating Committee report, that everyone eligible for re-election would stand for re-election. He intends to present the slate to the Unit membership for action between game sessions this day (See attachment).
- B. The President reviewed Unit Game Activities, in the absence of Russ Jones. NAOP game in Little Rock was 22 tables. In 2006, the NAOP game will be held in Hot Springs Village. The rotation schedule will be: LR '05; HSV '06; H.S. '07.
- C. Discussion of Unit teams competing for championship designation and trophy at DeGray allowed the following points to be made:

1. Playing fees for the Championship may go to the Unit, not the tournament. Motion, second and unanimous vote that Team Games for Championship fees will go to DeGray profits.
 2. Championship games are better played on Friday. President David will advise Russ Jones of this suggestion..
 3. Study will be done to determine if the Championship can be run as a Sectional Event in order to give more silver points.
- D. Bridge education:
1. School bridge information has been received by all who requested it from ACBL. David encouraged teaching at all levels, reminding Board members of the “snowball” effects which will increase ACBL membership over time.
 2. President David appointed an ad hoc committee to set criteria for reimbursement to Clubs seeking reimbursement for education and EZ bridge.
 3. Motion, second and unanimous vote directing the treasurer to pay ½ advertising costs for H.S. recent classes. The Secretary/Treasurer will then notify the District Treasurer that such reimbursement has been paid a club and the District will match the funds.

VI OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2006 Regional:
 1. Motion, second and unanimous vote to approve 2006 Regional budget, as presented.
 2. Motion, second and unanimous vote to approve request for seed money by Tournament Director, Cindy Devish, in the amount of \$5,000 for the 2006 Regional. Treasurer directed to write a check for \$2,000 now, and the balance at a later time.
- B. DeGray Sectional Update: attendance and table count for Friday presented by Teri LaBove. Teri also updated Board members on positive notes for DeGray: change from 1st weekend in December well-received; continuing increase in attendance to date; room rental good enough for Lodge to grant “comp” rooms for tournament.
- C. DeGray Sectionals - 2006 and 2007: Board authorized Teri to book the lodge for the 2007 sectional. Teri will present the 2005 summary at the next Unit Board meeting.

VII NEW BUSINESS

- A. President David informed Board members of probable changes in Regional tournaments due to effects of Hurricane Katrina: Nashville selected for 2006 to replace the Biloxi site and 2007 site is still under consideration. Little Rock?
- B. Secretary/Treasurer Jan Farnsworth requested authority to order name tags for Unit Board members. Granted.

Meeting adjourned and Board members retired to playing areas.