

ACBL - UNIT 161
MINUTES of MEETING
May 5, 2007
Tournament of Roses Sectional
Little Rock

ATTENDANCE: Jane Dickey Jan Farnsworth
Ned Irving Margaret Kelly
Teri LaBove David Siebert

ABSENT: Lou Agnew, Sharon Cissell, Jane Cherry, Warren Swift

GUESTS: Cindy Devish, Dick Heil

I ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

II CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President David Siebert. The Secretary reported the attendance and the absence of Board members was duly noted. Board member Anne Martin had previously submitted her resignation but will not be replaced for the remainder of her term of office (May to November). Her position will be open for election in the fall.

III MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING, March 31, 2007

Minutes of the previous meeting, as recorded and distributed by the Secretary, were approved following a motion, second, and unanimous vote to accept them as presented..

IV TREASURER'S REPORT

- A.** The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance on hand as of April 23rd, 2007 of \$6,429.20 and a Certificate of Deposit of \$25,567.27 at Bank of America, was accepted and will be filed for audit.
- B.** The Treasurer was instructed by the Board to issue a meeting preparation bonus of \$50 to acting secretary, Jane Dickey, for her extra efforts prior to and following the November, 2006 meeting.
- C.** The Treasurer presented a final report of DeGray 2006 Sectional profits of \$1,454.52. The profits have been distributed to clubs within the Unit which closed for the Sectional weekend of the Sectional (Nov. 3-5, 2006).

V OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A.** **President David Siebert** appointed a Nominating Committee: Ned Irving, Chair; Dick Heil and Lennie Schaen.
- B.** **The President** initiated conversation about the progress of the team game competitions at the Club levels, which will culminate in a championship at the '07 DeGray Sectional, Nov. 2-4. Little Rock reported interest and activity in forming teams, HSV reported ongoing interest and high expectations for forming teams. There was no report from Hot Springs.

- C. President David** introduced the subject of recommending an outstanding Unit member as a candidate for the Goodwill Member of the Year. Unit 161 nominated Peggy Jett in the year 2006 and the Board agreed unanimously to repeat the nomination for the year 2007.
- D. Education Chair, Ned Irving:**
1. Ned succinctly reviewed recent past and present ACBL reimbursement policies for education reimbursement. At this time, ACBL will reimburse 75% up to \$1,000 for advertising costs per project for beginner bridge lessons, as spelled out in their policy statement. Of the 25% remaining of Club costs up to \$1,000 per project that are not covered by the ACBL CAP program, upon receipt of documentation, the Unit will always reimburse 12.5% and submit the other 12.5% to District 10 requesting their approval.
 2. Dick Heil was invited to detail how an aggressive educational project increased membership and table count at the LR Duplicate Bridge Club.
 3. Jane Dickey made a motion, which was seconded, and approved unanimously, that Unit 161 assist clubs of the Unit with financial support of up to \$1,000 per year for educational expenses for players under 20 masterpoints that include instructor fees, reasonable refreshment costs, and any advertising expenses not reimbursed by the ACBL and not already reimbursed as described by Ned (see D.1, above); and, that such policy take effect immediately.
 4. Ned reaffirmed that questions and/or requests for educational reimbursements be directed to him at irvingmail@sbcglobal.net.
 5. Ned also reminded Board members that TAP programs are offered at selected Regionals, and always at Nationals. Ned asked Board members to consider if, and how, Unit 161 could help individual clubs strengthen their teaching programs by taking advantage of the TAP program.
- E. Tournaments:**
1. Motion, second and unanimous vote to grant a request for \$8,000 in “seed” money presented by Tournament Director, Cindy Devish. (See attached). The treasurer was directed to make the first installment of \$1,000 to Cindy in July of 2007, the second installment in October, and the remaining installments according to the schedule as presented.
 2. Teri LaBove informed the Board that she had confirmed the date(s) for the 2008 DeGray Sectional: October 31 - November 2, 2008. Dates for the 2007 Sectional at DeGray have been previously confirmed and announced: Nov. 2-4.

VI OLD BUSINESS

- A. Charity Game recipient: Teri reported that the Dumas Duplicate Bridge Club had little or no damage at their Club and does not need any help following the recent tornado. In a previous discussion, Teen Challenge had also been suggested as a possible charity game recipient. President David asked for Board members' opinions. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to designate Teen Challenge for the Unit Charity Game(s).

VII NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought to the floor.

Motion, second, and unanimous vote to adjourn.