

**ACBL - UNIT 161
MINUTES of MEETING
Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008
Hot Springs Village Sectional
8:15 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE: Sharon Cissell Teri LaBove
Jane Dickey Dorothy Scharnhorst
Jan Farnsworth David Siebert
Doris Ham Tony Tsui
Ned Irving

ABSENT: Lou Agnew, Barbara Hess, Margaret Kelly,

GUESTS: Cindy Devish

I ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

II CALL TO ORDER

Following a call to order by President David Siebert, the Secretary reported attendance and Board member absences were duly noted.

III MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING, Nov. 3, 2007

Minutes of the previous meeting, as distributed by the Secretary, were approved following a correction of a spelling error in Doris Ham's name. A motion was made, seconded, and a unanimous vote was entered to accept the minutes, as corrected..

IV TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Two Treasurer's reports were presented: 1) the 2007 Year End Summary showing a cash balance on hand, as of December 31st, 2007, of \$11,945.05; and 2) the Summary ending Feb. 2, 2008 showing a cash balance on hand of \$6,318.70 and a \$26,484.61 Bank of America Certificate of Deposit. Both reports were accepted and will be retained for audit.
- B. A review of the 2007 financial documents has been completed and a statement of satisfactory condition, signed by James K. Awalt, was submitted to the Board. Jan was asked to write a letter to Jim and include two (2) free plays for the Regional as a gesture of appreciation.
- C. The Treasurer distributed reports showing the table count, revenue and expenses of the DeGray Sectional for the years 2002 through 2007. Jan also confirmed the profits for the past tournament had been distributed.

V OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **President David Siebert** reported on business conducted at the recent District 10 meeting: 1) Jack Tidball will serve as President, and David will act as Vice President for the same term;
2) delegates at the meeting were asked to present the proposed rotation for regional tournaments to their respective boards and submit recommendations to the District Board to be finalized at the next District meeting; David led a discussion of each option. Board members concurred with David's evaluation, concluding #3 was the first choice and #4 a second choice.
- B. No action was taken following a discussion of Little Rock or Mt. Magazine State Park serving as the site for a regional tournament.

C. Education Chair, Ned Irving:

1. **Ned** reported that Gene LaBove had received a reimbursement of \$50 for completing requirements that allow him to be recognized as Tournament Directors Assistant (TDA). There is a similar request from the LR Duplicate Club for one TDA, pending.
2. **Ned** offered a motion, and it was seconded and approved, that the Unit will sponsor and reimburse TAP expenses for Continuing Education @ \$100 per diem (not to exceed \$400) and tuition for one (1) candidate per Club, one time every five (5) years. In exchange, a newly accredited teacher will make a three (3) year commitment to update other teachers in his/her club and to make a similar report to the Unit Board.

E. Tournaments:

1. **Cindy Devish** updated the Board on progress with Regional planning: 1) Charlie McCracken is pessimistic about attendance because the last tournament day is Mother's Day; 2) a visit to the Arlington Hotel revealed good news that there have been no price increases, except in room rates, since the previous tournament; 3) all arrangements will continue as in past years re coffee, suite availability, and lunch arrangements; 4) there were 29 reservations confirmed as of Feb 5th.
2. **President David** opened a discussion of Board policy to reimburse clubs in the unit from tournament profits: if a club closes for a tournament, reimbursement to that club will be based on club member participation at the tournament. A motion, second and unanimous vote altered the policy to read: All Clubs in Unit 161 will share, proportionately by participation, in the profits of a unit-sponsored tournament if: 1) the Club has sanctioned games that are closed for the duration of the tournament; or 2) a club does not have sanctioned game(s) during the tournament but whose club members are in attendance at the tournament.
3. **Russ Jones** (by phone through David) reminded Board members: 1) the Grand National Qualifying games will be held at Hot Springs Village on March 1st and at Jonesboro on March 15th. Participants may play at one or the other sites, but not at both; 2) Unit-wide championships are working out well and will continue to be held on the 2nd week of each month; 3) State Team qualifications must be held by July 1st. If more than six (6) teams participate in qualifications at a Club, that Club can send two (2) teams to DeGray; 4) because of good response and participation to NAP, four (4) teams may represent Unit 161 in Detroit.

VI OLD BUSINESS

- A. Distribution of Mini McKenney medals and certificates for Ace of Clubs honorees will be held immediately following the lunch break, between morning and afternoon sessions, today.

VII NEW BUSINESS

- A. The question of reimbursing clubs for loss of income from normal sanctioned games when hosting NAP qualifications will be addressed at the next Board meeting.
- B. Resort City Regional will be the site of the District 10 meeting. Unit Board members will be informed of date, time, etc., for the Unit Board meeting.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

With game time approaching, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted, pending Board approval

Jan Farnsworth
Secretary/Treasurer

Upcoming Dates:

March 31 - April 6	Mobile/Shreveport Split Regional
April 25-27	GNT Finals at Vicksburg
May 5-11	Resort City Regional