

ACBL-UNIT 161
MINUTES OF MEETING
Saturday, November 5, 2011
DeGray Sectional
8:00 am

ATTENDANCE: Sheila Cosby Ned Irving
Cindy Devish G. L. Rhoades
Dick Heil Betty Schultz

ABSENT: Flo Barksdale
Bob Davis
Diane Lord
Barbara Rankin
David Siebert
Tony Tsui

GUESTS: Russ Jones, Teri LaBove, Andy Cosby

I. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA, as amended

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ned Irving

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the April 2, 2011 meeting held at the Hot Springs Village Sectional had previously been distributed. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was previously emailed to the board members. The checking account balance at 10-31-11 is \$4,823.52. The Bank of the Ozarks CD is \$16,319.69 and will mature 3-15-12. Copies of the financial statements are on file.

V. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. President

1. President Ned Irving welcomed the board members and guests.
2. A motion was made by Cindy Devish to purchase a time clock for tournament use. The motion was amended to cap the purchase price at \$300. Motion was seconded and approved.
3. Members were reminded about the Unit election to be held Sunday before the start of the second Swiss session.
4. The STAC with District 7 has been moved from the Easter period to February.
5. The ability to post tournament results including hands and matchpoint results is now available on the District 10 website.
6. Update from the Toronto Board of Governor's meeting:
The club manager's handbook has been updated. A review of the master point awards for match points is underway. There must be two board reviews before any masterpoint change can be made. One has already been held. There is no longer a need to alert 3 clubs regarding puppet Stayman. The use of crash or suction over a non-big club is no longer allowed.

B. Education – Dick Heil, Unit Coordinator

1. TAP training will be held in Memphis in March
2. Unit 161 was provided more education reimbursement from District 10 than all the rest of District 10.
3. There is a new ACBL brochure available.
4. There is one outstanding education reimbursement for Hot Springs.
5. There is no need for a teacher's seminar this year.

C. Tournaments

1. **DeGray Sectional:** Teri LaBove reported that the lodge room count was down 10 rooms. Since we did not meet the minimum room requirement the lodge will charge \$210 per day for the playing area, including Thursday which is the set up day. Ned later asked Gene to get the player list from the director in charge and compare it with the lodge's list of guests to see if they missed enough to make up the difference. Friday's table count was down 10 tables, with knockouts down 1/3 to 1/2.
2. **Little Rock 299er Sectional:** Dick Heil reported the tournament will be January 20th. They expecting an average of 30 tables per session.
3. **HSV VCC Spring Fling 2012 Sectional:** Andy Cosby reported that the Spring Fling Sectional averaged 400 – 500 tables. Last year the average was 485. They are competing with other tournaments for attendance in 2012. The 0-500 Silverlode tournament will be held in August. They expect about 200 tables.
4. **Jonesboro Sectional:** Russ Jones reported the tournament had 141 tables. Six years ago they had 330 tables. The drop in attendance is due mainly to the startup of the Tunica tournament. They had good participation from Little Rock and Memphis. The 299er section was the same size as the open section. They grossed \$6,000 with \$2,000 for hospitality and \$3,800 in expenses showing a net profit of \$200. The hospitality was outstanding. Next tournament: A non-life master regional and open sectional will be held May 31 – June 3rd in the Holidome.
5. **Hot Springs Regional:** Ned Irving reported that everything is going according to plan. He has received approval of the regional schedule.
6. **Special Games:** Russ Jones, Special Games Coordinator, submitted the attached report. He recommended that the unit continue with the reimbursement of NAOP and GNT to players playing in the District finals. A motion was made by Betty Schultz to establish a 10:00 am starting time for the Unit Team Finals, GNT Unit finals and the NAP Unit finals. The report was approved as amended.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Unit membership report indicates that membership in the Unit as increased by 40 members during the past year. The average age of our unit is 70.7. The average age of ACBL is 69.7. 65% of the members have under 200 points.
- B. The audit report prepared by David Barrow of Hot Springs Village was presented to the board. He found no material errors in the records. Cindy Devish moved to accept the report. Motion was seconded and carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cindy Devish moved to keep the 2014 tournament schedule the same as 2012 and 2013. The motion was seconded and approved.
- B. Ned noted that partnership requests for tournaments can now be made on the Unit website. He thanked Robbie Robertson for his work in making this possible.
- C. Ned appointed Dick Heil as Education liaison for next year. Cindy Devish moved to approved the appointment. Motion was seconded and approved.
- D. Ned will appoint a Hot Springs Village member to fill the board position being vacated by Flo Barksdale.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

- A. HSV Sectional Saturday, March 10, 2012 8:00 AM.
- B. May conduct some business by email in between.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Sheila Cosby, Secretary/Treasurer

1) **Unit-wide Games** - The unit has sponsored monthly unit-wide games each month during 2011. The average table count has increased from 32 tables in 2010 to 40 tables in 2011. One month we had 57 tables. The unit has covered the cost in an effort to promote inter-club competition.

Recommendation - The unit continue to sponsor these events and they be scheduled monthly during 2012 on the following dates:

January 9, February 7, March 7, April 5, May 11, June 4, July 10,
August 12, Sept 6, Oct 12, November 5, December 4

2) **Unit Championships** - The unit allocated unit championships to the clubs based upon membership.

Recommendation - The unit continue the same practice for 2012 with the following allocation:

Hot Springs Village - 5	Little Rock - 4
Hot Springs - 1	Jonesboro - 1
Pine Bluff - 1	

3) **Unit Extended Team** - The unit had club qualifying from January - June. The representatives met for the state final at the Little Rock Bridge House.

Recommendation - The unit continue to sponsor the team championships with representatives to meet at Hot Springs Village Card Club in October, 2012.

4) **NAOP/GNT** - The unit has been reimbursing pairs/teams at the district level. 2011 District final attendance was approximately the same as in 2010. Overall, there has been an increase in participation from our unit at both of these events since prior to the incentives.

Recommendation - The unit continue to subsidize GNT representatives and NAOP representatives at the rate of \$50/person.

5) **NAP/GNT Unit Finals** - The GNT Unit Finals will be hosted by Hot Springs Village, between 1-1 and 4-1 and the NAP BC Units Finals will be hosted by Little Rock between 9-1 and 12-31. These should be scheduled soon by the clubs and the Unit Secretary notified. Both will be split with Jonesboro and members can choose either site (but not both) to participate based upon convenience.

6) **STAC** - The next STAC is scheduled for December 12-18, 2011, with addition STACs scheduled for January 30 – February 5, 2012 and June 18-24, 2012. All clubs wishing to participate should register at www.acbl.org.