

Board of Directors Minutes
Tennessee Bridge Association, Unit 144
February 27, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Paterson – President
Donna Touliatos- Vice President
Judy Knox- Secretary
Henry Francis
Cecile Skaggs

Mike Staunton
Jan Dacus
Lillian Zisook
Larry Alexander

NON – BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Terry Van Dyke- Club Manager
V.T. Gala – Tournament Coordinator
Steve Hodorowski – Paris Landing/NateS. Tourn. Chair

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Frazee – Treasurer

UNIT 144 BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Don Paterson, Unit 144 President at 11:00 am at the M. A. Lightman Bridge Club.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes previously E-mailed by Judy Knox were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer was absent. There was no Treasurer's Report.

Unit 144-OLD BUSINESS

< Nate Silverstein – Steve Hodorowski, Tournament Chair, provided us with the final, completed Income Statement Report. The report covered the past 9 years and showed 288.5 tables for 2010. This was the most tables for all 3 years. A copy of this report is attached at Exhibit -A.

Paris Landing- Steve Hodorowski gave us an update on the Tournament status.

- We are having trouble finding someone with a truck to haul our tables.
- Jack Verkler is not going. Brian Cummins is not going and Leighton has not returned Steve's voicemail.
- Don said he will see if Jack will let him drive his truck with Jane as a passenger.
- The first session is at 1 pm on Friday. Board Members need to go down Friday morning to set up for the games. It is a 3 hour drive. If you leave Memphis at 7am, you can get there by 10:30 or 11.
- The hotel is not holding rooms anymore. If you have not reserved your room, it might be too late.
- Lil has the hospitality covered.

Board Member Agreements: Cecile and Larry were given Board Member agreements to sign by Don, since they were not present last month. They signed them and returned to Don for his signature.

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Awards Banquet- April 10, 2010

1. Hall of Fame – nominating committee chair is Susan Frazee. She is to pick 2 other people to form the committee and make a selection which will be announced at the Awards Banquet on April 10, 2010.
2. The letters to the MiniMcKenney and Ace of Clubs winners for the Awards Banquet will be sent out by Judy. She will just modify last year’s letter. They will be sent out on March 20th.
3. Lil Zisook and Jan Dacus will be in charge of the dinner. Terry will grill steaks. We will have baked potatoes, salad and dessert. Hospitality will be served at 5:30 pm before the dinner. We will charge \$8.00 per person this year.
4. Terry will order the Medallions for the MiniMcKenney winners.
5. Judy to check on awards for New Life Masters.

District 10 Update – 2012 NABC

An email from Jeff Johnston was provided to the Unit by Bill Cook regarding Unit 144 responsibility for the NABC in 2012. He wants the Unit to take charge of organizing and providing volunteers for the entire Tournament. Janice VanDyke came in to talk about what the Unit had agreed to do for the NABC when she was the President. Janet stated that the only thing the Unit had committed to doing for the NABC was to provide volunteers to work on it. There was much discussion regarding this topic.

The District 10 minutes have just been prepared and sent out to the delegates. Bill Cook assured us in the District 10 Minutes that the Unit will not be obligated to organize the entire Tournament. The Unit will be allowed to vote on what services it will provide to ACBL for the NABC Tournament in 2012.

Don said he will contact Jeff Johnston and invite him to come to our next Board Meeting to discuss our role in organizing and providing volunteers to work in the Tournament. The Tournament is scheduled for March 15 – 25th, 2012. The Unit nor the District will have any financial responsibility for the NABC Tournament. Don suggested that the Unit should join the Memphis Tourism Bureau for 2012. We can use them to help furnish “Goody Bags” for the Tournament. Our next Board meeting is March 20th, 2010 at 11 a.m.

Intermediate and Newcomer Program – Judy Knox, Chair

Mentoring Games are going great. Dates for the Mentoring Games are as follows:

Sunday(1 st unless noted)	Monday(3 rd unless noted)	TABLES
February 7, 2010	February 15, 2010	16 tables at both games
March 7, 2010	March 15, 2010	
April 11, 2010 (Easter is 1 st Sun.)	April 19 th , 2010	
May 2, 2010	May 17 th , 2010	

New Bridge Games in Memphis Area

There was much discussion regarding new games that have been started in the Memphis Area. Some Board members were concerned that these new games might take players away from the games that are already established. Don stated that we are Unit Board Members and Chapter 3 of the Handbook states that the Unit will provide equitable treatment for all sanctioned games being held in the Unit. Henry Francis stated that when he worked at ACBL this subject was brought up. ACBL decided that they should not prevent new games from forming. They should just allow the preferred games to exist. The only way a sanctioned ACBL game can be disallowed is if they are not following ethical rules for the game which is established by ACBL. You cannot stop a game from forming just because it will take away from an already established game in the same area.

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Unit By Laws

Don stated that he wants to revise the Unit By-Laws to say that if anyone wants to serve in the out lying areas, then they will serve as Board Members automatically. This will limit the number of Board Members that we need to elect each year. We will only have to elect 7 Board Members. This discussion was tabled until the next Board Meeting for further discussion.

New Business

Lil Zisook announced that she will be moving to Arizona in 45 days. We will have to try to replace her with a new board member. The last time that a Board Member moved away, we just asked the next person with the most votes from the last election to serve. Don stated that we will have to find a replacement when Lil leaves. Everyone was sad to hear the news.

Charity Games

Larry Alexander is the Charity Chair. He will be in charge of choosing a local charity that is approved by IRS as the focus of our next Charity game. We would like it to be open for Rubber bridge and duplicate players. We can hold as many charity games as we want to as long as they are IRS approved. All clubs in the Unit can participate in this event. They can hold these games at their regular game sites. We just designate the dates and the requirements and the charity. There was a lot of discussion regarding charity games and a lot of charities were discussed by the Board members.

Breakfast Brainstorming session

Don wants to hold a breakfast brainstorming session on Saturday at 9:30 am on May 1, 2010. He will provide the breakfast. There will be no minutes for me to take. All Board members agreed that this session will be very nice and beneficial to the Unit.

Proposed Tunica Schedule

V.T. passed out the proposed Tunica schedule for 2010. It was approved by the Unit Board unanimously. See copy of the schedule which is attached at Exhibit B.

V.T. also gave a brief update on the status of finding a new location to hold the Nate Silverstein Tournament for next year. The new Holiday Inn express is not big enough. He has left a VMS at Appling Manor but has not heard back from them yet. He thinks that GPAC will be available but we prefer a hotel for out of town players. He is going to check out the Marriott at Perkins and 240 on American Way.

There being no other business to discuss the Unit 144 Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned by Don Paterson and the M.A.Lightman Bridge Club Board of directors meeting was called to order.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144