

**Board of Directors Minutes**  
**Tennessee Bridge Association, Unit 144**  
**January 22, 2011**  
**BOARD MEMBERS**

**President –Tom Dixon**  
**Vice President – Larry Alexander**  
**Secretary –Judy Knox**  
**Treasurer- Jody Couch**  
**Cecile Skaggs**

**Melody Patterson**  
**Jan Dacus**  
**Kathy Love**  
**Henry Francis**

The meeting was called to order by Tom Dixon at 10:30 am at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Jody Couch gave the Treasurer’s report. See copy attached at Exhibit A.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NABC Co –Chair Henry Francis**

The following motions were made by Henry Francis and approved by the Board:

- ✚ Expenses involved in the search for NABC sponsor –paper, postage, copies—was approved. The budgeted amount for this is \$500.
- ✚ The cost of promotional refrigerator magnets—approximately \$500—was approved.
- ✚ Whereas the work of the NABC committees could suffer from time problems if each individual expense had to be okayed by the Unit 144 Board, be it moved that the Unit okays expense items of \$500 or less without additional Unit approval provided the money is available in the NABC fund. None of this money will come from the Unit 144 account.

Henry also submitted a written report regarding the status of the 2012 Spring NABC. See copy of his report which is attached. Exhibit B

Henry also commented on the winner of the NABC logo contest. Jim Lindy won first prize. His logo was “Ruffing on the River”. He won 2 free plays. Jackie Stewart and Amy Downing tied for second place and one 1 free play each.

**NEW Business**

**Resignation of Mike Staunton**

Mike Staunton turned in his written resignation and resigned from the Board of Directors. He will have to be replaced. Page 4, Article V, Item # D of the Unit 144 By Laws states “ Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by the Board of Directors and the person so appointed shall hold office until the term expires.” Tom said he will find someone to fill the position. The decision is tabled to the next Board Meeting.

**On-Line Partnership Desk-Judy Knox**

Paul Cronin was recommended by ACBL to use for our On-Line Partnership Desk. I set up the “on line” Partnership desk for my three games. Please see the link below. Please use this link to see how it works. Paul stated that he would charge us \$50 for the Tunica Partnership desk for 2011. He will charge \$150 per year for all 3 of our Tournaments next year. He will also set up this “on-line” service for the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club for \$450 per year. A motion was made for Judy to contact this man and tell him we will accept the “on-line” partnership desk if he will set it up for \$50 for both Tournaments in 2011. We are seriously considering the “on-line” partnership desk for the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. The motion passed. <http://xib.me/judyknox> Please click on this link to test out my “on-line” Partnership desk. Please click on this link to go to the new “on-line” partnership desk for Unit 144 Tournaments <http://xib.me/unit144>

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New Unit Chair Positions

Membership Chair: Kathy Love  
Electronic Cont : Judy Knox  
Webmaster : Ilene Markell  
Disciplinary Chair : Henry Francis  
Recorder : Beverly Parrish  
Tourn Co-Coordinator : Steve Hodorowski and Judy Knox  
Publicity Chair : B. Melody Patterson  
Hospitality Chair : Jan Dacus  
Int/Newcomer Chair : Jody Couch  
Charity Chair : Larry Alexander  
Education Liaison : Judy Knox  
NAP, GNT & STAC Coordinator : Mick McGuire  
Corresponding Secretary: Cecile Skaggs

Jody Couch – Unit 144 & M.A. Lightman Finance Committee

Jody stated that we need to have more structure in the way money is managed by the Unit and by M.A. Lightman Club. She wants to have more checks and balances on our funds. All Unit and club members need to know where the money is and how it is spent. We need more accountability for money coming into the club and money going out of the club. Tom is going to appoint members to be on the finance committee to work with Jody to prepare some written guidelines and recommendations for future use .

Steve Hodorowski – Tournament Chair of Nate Silverstein

Steve discussed the Nate Silverstein Sectional that was held on January 6-9, 2011 at the Hilton Hotel in Memphis. He submitted a written report regarding the financial outcome of this Tournament and compared it to Tournaments in the past. Please see Exhibit C attached for the Tournament Report. Attendance was down from last year due to the horrible conditions that took place in the hotel we had last year. A lot of people said they would not come back. However, we had the Hilton this year and it was great. We hope that word will get out about the great hotel accommodations we had this year to overcome the bad ones last year. Jody Couch suggested that we add a 9:30 am 199er game to the schedule for the next sectional tournament in Memphis. Steve discussed the next tournament that will also be held at the Hilton on July 1, 2011 –July 4, 2011. Steve stated he didn't mind being the Tournament Chair, but he needs a co-chair and Judy Knox had volunteered to be his co-chair. Tom Dixon appointed Judy Knox and Steve Hodorowski to be Tournament Co-Chairs for Unit 144.

The Sectional Tournament scheduled for July 1 – 4, 2011 will be called the Skyrocket Sectional. The flyers with the schedule on it will be sent to Judy ASAP and will be copied for distribution to all surrounding clubs.

Cecile Skaggs – Corresponding Secretary

Cecile discussed the Corresponding Secretary 's duties. She will accept the position. She will send out get well, sympathy and other condolence cards as the need arises for all the members. She will also send out Thank you letters and cards when someone makes a contribution or deserves to be thanked. The Board voted unanimously to add this position as a new Chair position.

A motion was made by Henry Francis to adjourn, seconded by Melody Patterson. The meeting was adjourned by Tom Dixon.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Knox, Unit 144 Secretary