

**Board of Directors Minutes  
Tennessee Bridge Association, Unit 144  
May 15, 2010**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Don Paterson – President  
Donna Touliatos- Vice President  
Judy Knox- Secretary  
Susan Frazee – Treasurer  
Henry Francis**

**Cecile Skaggs  
Mike Staunton  
Jan Dacus  
Lillian Zisook  
Larry Alexander**

**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**

Susan Frazee gave the Treasurer's Report. Susan changed the Bank Account to Independent Bank. They do not charge a fee for the checking account and they pay more interest on Savings.

<b>Treasurer Report <u>5/15/10</u></b>	
<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>\$ 3,437</b>
<b>Wells Fargo C.D.</b>	<b><u>13,000</u></b>
<b>Total on Hand 5/15/10</b>	<b><u>\$16,437</u></b>

**Unit 144-OLD BUSINESS**

**Intermediate and Newcomer Program – Judy Knox, Chair**

Mentoring Games are going great. Judy submitted the new Mentoring schedule for the August session. The new dates for the mentoring games are as follows:

<b>Sunday(1<sup>st</sup> unless noted)</b>	<b>Monday(3<sup>rd</sup> unless noted)</b>
<b>August 1, 2010</b>	<b>August 16, 2010</b>
<b>September 5, 2010</b>	<b>September 13, 2010</b>
<b>October 2, 2010</b>	<b>October 18, 2010</b>
<b>November 7, 2010</b>	<b>November 15, 2010</b>

Judy was asked how the 199 game on Saturdays is going. No one seems interested in the game. The game was held once and it only had 2 tables. The novices don't seem to be interested in a Saturday afternoon game.

Henry Francis asked why you cannot play with the same mentee more than twice in a row. He said if his mentee has to change every second session, it would confuse her and mess up what he is trying to accomplish by helping her improve her game. This rule can be waived if the mentor/mentee can give a good reason. Henry's reason was a good one and the rule will be waived for him and his mentee.

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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. Larry stated that he is on this and will meet with Don to discuss it further. We will probably set these games up in the fall – October, etc. We are required to hold 2 charity games each year. Donna suggested holding a yard sale in the parking lot and donate proceeds to charity. This idea was discussed but nothing definite was decided.

Disciplinary Committee – Henry Francis

There were 2 cases before the committee. Both of them have been dealt with by the committee. Letters were sent to the people involved and they have all agreed to accept the committee's recommendations. A note was received from a member to take a person to task for his actions at the club. She stated this person's actions need to be put on record. No formal complaint was made.

There was a lot of discussion regarding this topic. Everyone agreed that the disciplinary committee is working out very well.

Website Update

Ilene was asked to attend the Board Meeting and give us an update on the Web site update. She sent an email to the Board members and told them she was unable to attend and that she was thinking of stepping down as webmaster. There was a lot of discussion regarding this. Everyone is very appreciative to Ilene for her service as web master. There was a lot of discussion regarding who can replace her. Don thinks he knows of someone who can replace Ilene if she still wants to resign. The Board wants to make sure that Ilene is reimbursed for any expense she has incurred as web master.

2012 NABC

Don stated that he has asked 6-10 people to chair or co-chair the NABC and no one is interested. He said eh will Chair it and needs a co-chair. Henry Francis volunteered to Co-chair with Don. The following people volunteered to chair committees for the NABC in s012:

Don Paterson and Henry Francis- Tournament Co-Chairs  
Judy Knox – Partnership Chair (Jan Dacus to help)  
Donna Touliatos – Registration Chair (Mike Staunton to help)  
Entertainment/Hospitality – not filled  
Finance Chair – not filled (Susan will ask Bill if he can do it)

Unit By Laws – Henry Francis Chair

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.

Henry stated that the outlying clubs already have the right to elect 1 director each in the current by-laws. He stated that the secretary needs to send a separate letter to each of the clubs and ask if they want to elect a director to serve on the Unit 144 Board. The letter should be sent around the first of October. The secretary will take care of this.

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**New Business**

Mary Oshlag was invited to come and talk about changing the Monday day game to a 499 game. She was unable to attend.

Lil Zisook announced that she will be moving to Arizona at the end of June. 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. Lil said there will be a going away party for her on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone should get an invitation. Don will email Marvin to ask him who the person was that got the most votes in the last election but did not get elected. That person will be asked to fill Lil's position.

Lil Zisook moved to adjourn. Mike Staunton seconded the motion.

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