

**Board of Directors Minutes
Tennessee Bridge Association, Unit 144
October 12, 2011**

BOARD MEMBERS Present

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| President – Tom Dixon | Cecile Skaggs |
| Vice President – Larry Alexander | Al Stone |
| Treasurer- Jody Couch | Henry Francis |
| Secretary -Judy Knox | Melody Patterson |
| Pat Papachristou | |

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes previously emailed by Judy Knox were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Jody Couch, Treasurer read the Report and walked us through the numbers. See exhibit A attached for Treasurer’s report. There was much discussion about the Unit Finances and about the Tunica Tournament finances.

Unit 144 Annual Membership Meeting

The meeting will be held on December 3, 2011. The annual election of new board members will also take place at that time. Jody Couch is the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is made up of 5 people. There should be 2 Board members and 3 non-board members on the committee. The Committee members are Jody Couch, Judy Knox, Charles Cohen, Jan Dacus and Jack Stewart. Jody has contacted the Committee members and they have all submitted their list of nominations. They will meet to finalize the slate and submit it to the board for approval next week.

Tom Dixon and Terry Van Dyke will be in charge of the Annual Membership Dinner. Copies of letters from the 2009 and 2010 Annual Meeting were given out. The new Notice of Annual Membership Meeting letters must go out to all Unit 144 members by October 30, 2011. All Board Members who can are asked to be at the M.A. Lightman club on October 29 at 10:30 am to help stuff the letters into envelopes and put the address labels on them so we can mail the letters on time. Tom and Jody will let Judy know who is on the final slate and what is on the menu by October 26, 2011. Once the slate is finalized, Judy will prepare the letters and the ballots. The Annual Meeting Notice and a ballot will be emailed to all Board Members for approval on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Fifty ballots will be mailed to each Memphis club for absentee purposes on November 1, 2011. 600 ballots will be delivered to the M.A. Lightman bridge club by the Secretary on Friday (December 2, 2011) before the election on Saturday.

Nate Silverstein Sectional – Judy Knox and Sherry Thaxton Tournament Co-Chairs

Jackie Stewart volunteered to be the hospitality chair for this year’s tournament. The tournament fliers are out at the Clubs and on the unit web page. We will need to start announcing for people to bring food for hospitality in December at all the club games. Judy will talk more about the Nate Silverstein Tournament at the next Board Meeting on November 19, 2011.

There being no other Unit business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Tom Dixon at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox
Secretary Unit 144

