

Unit 144-TN Bridge Association
Board of Director's Minutes
February 25, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Davis - President
Larry Alexander-Vice President
Judy Knox –Secretary
Jody Couch – Treasurer

Cary Rodgers
Al Stone
Kathy Love
Tom Dixon
Jackie Stewart

Board Members Absent

Cecile Skaggs

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by Ed Davis, Unit 144 President. The minutes emailed by Judy Knox for January, 2012 were approved. A motion was made by Cary Rodgers, second by Jackie Stewart. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Jody Couch

The Income Statement prepared by Jody showed a positive balance of \$12, 922.42. The Savings account balance was \$27,389.73. Any improvements to the building will come from Unit Funds. Anything spent to bring in players at the M.A. L. Club comes from the Bridge Club bank account. We are going to do something to improve the floors at this building. It will come from the Unit account. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Discussion Regarding a New Building

This building and the grounds it is on belongs to Unit 144. M.A. Lightman donated the land to the Unit. Nate Silverstein worked to raise money to build the building. The Unit can sell the building. It is not worth a lot of money. We are not married to this building. There are better locations. Years ago we did seriously look for a new location. We will have to re-do our By Laws to become an Educational organization rather than a social organization so people can get a tax deduction for donating to the new building. Larry said this is the time to buy a new building if we are ever going to do it. Straw poll was taken by Ed Davis "How many would be interested in moving the Bridge Club to a more appealing location?" Everyone voted "Yes".

Larry made a motion that we start the procedure now to become a 503© Educational Facility to take advantage of a better tax position in the future. All in favor of us changing to a 503© organization please say "Yes". The motion passed.

Awards Banquet

Terry Van Dyke volunteered to grill steaks again for the banquet. The letters that were sent out last year were handed out to the board members. We will give awards to the Mini-McKenney winners and the Ace of Clubs winners. We also give out awards for new life masters. The banquet will be on April 14, 2012 at 7pm. Cary Rodgers volunteered to send out the letters to the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners this year.

NABC 2012

Cecile is not here, but she wants to remind us that the quilt raffle will be announced at the First Friday Dinner on March 2, 2012. Ed and Louise Davis will be in charge of the First Friday Dinner on March 2. Ed wants to make sure that every board member is in charge of a First Friday Dinner when it comes your turn. Everyone volunteered for a month to do a First Friday Dinner. There is no December First Friday Dinner due to our annual meeting. There is no First Friday Dinner in April due to the NABC. There is no First Friday Dinner in January or July due to our Sectional Tournaments.

Jody Couch wants to have an Intermediate/Newcomer game and dinner once a month on Fridays. She stated that "We provided information regarding the NABC Tournament. Terry ran the game. We had so much fun we want to have it once a month. We had a fabulous time." Cary and Jody want to propose that they do this every month or as often as possible. Everyone agreed that Jody and Cary should proceed with this project.

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Charity Games – Larry Alexander Chair

We chose the Church Health Center as the charity for Unit 144 last year. We used the Wed. night 8 is enough game and charged an extra \$1 as our charity game. We contributed \$420 for the year to the CHC. We had to have some charity games here for the ACBL. We can have other games. It is sad we only contributed \$420. We need to select another Charity. Any club can have a charity game and charge an extra \$1. In the past, MAL has been a great contributor. Players get a slight increase in Master points. There are no extra sanction fees charged by ACBL. Do we want a new Charity for 2012? ACBL has changed the rules. Larry needs to get with ACBL to determine what the new rules are for 2012.

Who should we sponsor this year? Abused Women's Shelter was proposed by Larry Alexander for us to sponsor this year. Larry will get the official name to report to us at the next meeting. Larry wants to put together new procedures for handling the charity games for 2012. He wants a list of all the clubs in Unit 144 so he can contact them and let them know about the Charity game rules for 2012. Larry will have all this information available for us at the next Board Meeting.

Executive Committee

The board needs to establish an executive committee to make decisions for the Unit in between Board Meetings. We can scale back to every other month for Board meetings. Ed asked us to think about this for the next Board Meeting and decide who should be on the committee.

Expanding Unit 144 to include Desoto County

Al Stone made a proposal for Unit 144 to change our boundaries to include Desoto County to be a part of Unit 144. A motion was made by Kathy Love for Al Stone to pursue looking into making Desoto County a part of Unit 144. The motion was seconded by Jackie Stewart. The motion was approved. Al said he will have a report on what it will take to get this done at the next board meeting.

Bid Boxes Cleaning

Ed Davis is going to take care of cleaning the bid boxes and replacing the old cards. It will be done in time for the Sky Rocket Sectional in July, 2012.

There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the Unit meeting. It was seconded by Cary Rodgers. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned by Ed Davis.

The next Board meeting will be April 14, 2012 at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144