

Unit 144-TN Bridge Association
Board of Director's Minutes
January 21, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Ed Davis
Al Stone
Cecile Skaggs
Kathy Love

Board Members Absent

Cary Rodgers and Jackie Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 11:15am by Tom Dixon, Unit 144 President. Tom is no longer able to be President of the Unit. He has had to take on a full time job for personal reasons and does not have time to devote to the job any more. He tendered his resignation as Unit 144 President effective immediately. Tom will still be on the board of directors but will not be the President.

Electing a New President

A motion was made by Al Stone to nominate Ed Davis as President of the Unit. It was approved unanimously. Since we do have a quorum present, Ed Davis is now President of Unit 144. Tom will chair this meeting as pro-tem president since Ed has to leave early.

Jan Dacus-Birthday Bash

Jan has used all her stamps and stationary for sending out invitations for the Birthday Bash. She needs more money to purchase these and other supplies. A motion was made by Ed Davis to send Jan more money to purchase the necessary supplies to send out Birthday Bash invitations. The motion was seconded by Cecile Skaggs. The motion was approved. Jan would also like for someone to make sure that the Birthday Calendar is up to date. Cecile Skaggs volunteered to keep Jan Dacus updated on the Birthday list.

Bidding Boxes

Ed Davis volunteered to wash all the bid boxes and replace the dirty bid cards. He will have them ready when Judy Knox needs them for the Sky Rocket Tournament this year. The Unit owns all the bid boxes. There was a discussion regarding playing cards and the fact that they also need to be replaced. This is a club matter and will be discussed in that portion of the meeting.

Ruffing on The River- NABC 2012

Cecile Skaggs, NABC fund raising Chair discussed the fact that we will be at our goal of \$50,000 after Mary Oshlag's dinner. We have raised \$350 for the quilt raffle made by Joanne Bird. As far as the board is concerned, the Unit has no fiscal responsibility for the Tournament. They have done their own job raising money for the Tournament. The District 10 meeting will be held in Biloxi this month. We are hoping they will donate some money to us but if they don't we are okay without it.

Jody Couch wants to call a meeting of the entire intermediate/newcomer members to meet at M.A. Lightman. She wants to inform all of them about the NABC Tournament and try to encourage all of them to attend. There are some negative rumors going around about the tournament and she wants them to know the truth. Henry Francis will attend the meeting with her.

Awards Banquet

Kathy Love found 3 possible dates for the banquet: April 14, 28 or May 5th. Mick has already scheduled the Banquet for April 14. He has already bought the medallions. So, the Awards Banquet will be held on April 14, 2012 at M.A. Lightman Bridge Club.

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Nate Silverstein Tournament

There was a discussion regarding the complaints received on the Swiss Team luncheon. Ed Davis made a motion to raise the entry fee for all Unit Sectionals to \$11. Al Stone seconded the motion. The problem has been addressed by Judy and discussed with the Hilton. The Hilton apologized and promised they will have a better lunch for us at the next tournament. We will set the rate for the Swiss Team in the May Board Meeting.

Ed Davis thanked Judy Knox for the job she did in running the Nate Silverstein Tournament this year.

Judy Knox went over the Nate Silverstein Tournament Income Statement. We netted \$2,700. We were down by 14 tables. Cecile said we should look into an advertisement in the Bridge Bulletin for the Sky Rocket Sectional and Nate Silverstein Tournaments. Judy Knox will check on the cost of an ad in the ACBL Bulletin. A copy of the Nate Silverstein Income Statement was provided to each board member.

There was much discussion regarding ways we can pump up the out of town attendance for the Sky Rocket and the Nate Silverstein Sectionals.

Sky Rocket Sectional – 2012

Judy Knox talked about the Sky Rocket Sectional coming up and she provided everybody with a flier for the new tournament. The knock outs were a problem at Nate Silverstein this year. This was discussed with Charlie MacCracken and he suggested we have flighted knock outs. We also talked about getting registration gifts and gifts to put in the NABC gift bags. 7 No-trump.com can give us 1,000 ink pens as registration gifts for 40 cents each. It would be a total of \$400. The ink pens have the Sky Rocket name, date and location on them. Everyone agreed that the ink pen would be the better registration gift. Tom suggested that we put an ink pen in the NABC gift bags along with a Sky Rocket flier. Sky Rocket will benefit from putting these ink pens and fliers in the NABC gift bags.

There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Jody Couch to adjourn the Unit meeting. It was seconded by Cecile Skaggs. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned by Tom Dixon.

The next Board meeting will be February 25, 2012 at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144