

Unit 144 TN Bridge Association
Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner
January 18, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Alexander - President
Cary Rodgers- Vice President
Judy Knox –Secretary
Ed Davis
Cecile Skaggs

Professional Parliamentarian-CPP-T; PRP
DR. CHARLES A. SCHULZ
Professor Emeritus-University of Memphis

The Annual Unit 144 Meeting and Holiday dinner was originally scheduled for December 7, 2013. However, due to dangerous driving conditions because of ice and snow, it was changed to January 18, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Larry Alexander, Unit 144 President. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from last year and to approve them as written. The motion passed. (See Exhibit A attached for copy of the minutes)

Welcome to New Members

Larry read all names of new members that have joined ACBL in 2013. (See Exhibit B attached for names of new members)

Treasurer's Report

Larry has been acting as Treasurer since our Treasurer resigned last year to run for the M.A. Lightman Board of Directors. We will elect a new Treasurer tomorrow after the results of our election tonight. Larry gave us the following checking and savings account balances as of today.

Checking Account Balance: \$9,403.33
Savings Account Balance: \$16,855.94

Discussion

There was much discussion regarding why no audited Treasurer's Report has been presented for the past 2 years. Charles Schultz, Parliamentarian stated that the Treasurer's report does not have to be approved if it is not an audited report. He strongly recommended that we do have an audited Treasurer's report in the future. Bill Frazee normally prepares our Treasurer's report.

Charlie MacCracken made a motion that both the 2012 and 2013 books be audited and be posted on the Unit web site as soon as they are prepared. Amy Downing pointed out that the Treasurer's report should also be put on the bulletin Board. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

The parliamentarian suggested that the secretary make a motion that every number, comma, period, and conforming adjustments be accounted for in any bylaws amendment adopted today. Larry asked the Secretary to make a motion to this effect. The Secretary so moved and seconded by Joan Stanton. This is simply to make technical corrections to the by- laws after they are approved. The motion passed.

Amy Downing made a motion that the prior motion made by Charlie MacCracken was to have an independent auditor to audit the books and records of Unit 144. Bill Frazee would not be independent due to his affiliation with the Unit and his name was incorrectly added to Charlie's motion.

There was a long discussion regarding whether or not audited financial statements should be required by the Unit since there is so little activity in the bank account. It was determined that an audit of such a small set of books and records would not be necessary. Simple Financial statements showing all checks written and all money received each year and the gross and net profit would be sufficient for Unit 144.

Frank Perlman made a motion to amend the motion made by Amy. Unit 144 will no longer be audited and Bill Frazee would continue to do the books and records for the Unit since there is no one who has any more integrity than Bill Frazee. Since Frank's motion is in direct conflict with Charlie's motion that has already passed. Another motion must be made to replace his motion with Franks.

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A motion was made by Lora Adkins to reconsider Charlie's motion. It was seconded by Neil Brackley. Motion passed.

Russell Strauss suggested we find out what ACBL standards are regarding what other Units are required to do regarding preparing audited financials.

Charlie MacCracken amended his motion. When the new treasurer is appointed we get a Financial Report as consistent with ACBL standards for 2012 and 2013. Second by Bob Williams. The amended motion by Charlie MacCracken passed.

Amendments to the By Laws

There are a lot of small changes to the Unit By- laws. The parliamentarian suggested we take each amendment one at a time and then vote on the entire package at the end. Larry passed out copies of the amendments to the Unit By laws to each member present. (See Exhibit C attached for copies of the proposed amendments and the current Unit By laws.)

Amy Downing suggested we add Mississippi to the playing areas in Area 1 on page 3. Linda Green would not be eligible to run for the Unit Board otherwise since she is from Mississippi. Charlie Mac Cracken suggested we change the by- laws in the last sentence in Article V section A. Charlie made a motion to amend the by- laws to say Bona fide members who do not reside within the geographical limits of the Unit but who are eligible to vote in that area instead of people who reside in our area. All in favor of amending this language say Aye! Motion passed.

Clair Berry made a motion to close all debate on all pending questions. Second by Lora Adkins. The motion passed. 3 people opposed the motion.

Larry read the rest of the proposed amendments and all debate and discussion was closed.

Larry called for a vote to amend by laws as read. 3 people opposed. The motion passed.

Deceased Members in 2013 – Read by Jackie Stewart

Cohen, Charles		
Gaye	E	Marsich
Dianne	M	Ramsey
Beverly		Fleck
Charles		Bost
Lillian		Goodman
Patty	A	Higginbottom
Evelyn	G	Goddard
J Jeanette		Burrows
David	C	Goggio
Ruth	A	Francis
Donald		Pelts

A moment of silence was observed in the deceased member's honor.
(Please see Exhibit D attached for Jackie's complete report)

Cecile Skaggs made an announcement regarding GNT qualifying round to be held on Feb. 15, 2014 at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. There will be 2 sessions starting at 1:30 pm. Reservations must be made with Cecile Skaggs by Feb. 10, 2014 if you want dinner at a minimal charge. These are team games so get your teams together.

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Clair Berry made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Election of New Unit 144 Board Members
(See Teller's report attached at Exhibit E for the official count)

**Bill Demetriou
Cecile Skaggs
Linda Thompson**

**Respectfully submitted,
Judy Knox
Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144**