

Unit 144 TN Bridge Association
Board Meeting
June 28, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS

Larry Alexander - President
Cecile Skaggs- Vice President
Judy Knox –Secretary/Treasurer
Neil Brackley - absent
Linda Sherrell
Bob Williams

The meeting was called to order at by Larry Alexander, Unit 144 President at 5 pm. The minutes from the last meeting on May 3rd were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance: \$2,209
Savings Account Balance: \$30,890

Discussion

Larry welcomed our new Board Member, Bob Williams who replaced Bill Demetriou. Bob is the Hospitality Chair for Unit 144 Sectional Tournaments in Memphis.

New Business:

Linda Sherrell discussed her efforts in organizing the Youth Summer Camps this year. She has 6 girls for sure and 4 maybes. The Boy's camp has 4 definite and 1 maybe. The Girl's Camp is July 20-24 and the boy/girl camp is July 13 – 17. Linda is going to Chicago, not to play bridge. She wants to attend the LBIAD and asked the Unit to pay her \$75 fee for the class. Bob Williams made a motion to approve this fee for Linda to attend the class. The motion passes. Linda would like for the Unit to consider purchasing a site License for the Unit. We can talk about that later.

Linda made a motion for us to buy Tee Shirts for 4 Youths who attended LBIAD at Lightman. She discussed the prices for all the Tee Shirts. Judy Knox Seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Linda is teaching bridge at the Hutchison School after school every Wednesday from 4 to 5:30pm. It is a 16 week program. Starts Aug. 26 and end December 16, 2015. Jan Dacus is helping Linda.

Linda will make 2 different presentations at the District 10 meeting in Tunica. She has to separate the Hutchinson School program from the Youth Camps. She is asking District 10 to help support these programs financially. Linda is getting the Girl Scouts to do a badge for learning bridge. If the Girl Scouts authorize the badge, we can for sure get them to the camps.

Girl Scout Badge. Linda learned that a person can create their own badge using guidelines set up by the Girl Scouts. She is going to create such a badge for the Girl Scouts attending the all-girl camp this summer. She plans to talk to Patty Tucker about us working together to get the Girl Scouts to endorse a badge. Badges created by individuals must be worn on the back of a girl's banner; badges endorsed by the Girl Scouts are worn on the front.

Old Business:

Sky Rocket Tournament- The bill has been paid off for the Sky Rocket Tournament. The hospitality space has been reduced for the Tournament this year. We will still have the Ballroom for the tournament. We will meet at the Hilton on Wed. night July 29, 2015 at 7 pm to set up the tables and bid boxes. Ed Davis will bring the tables and bid boxes for us to set up. The Hilton will set up chairs for us.

Judy Knox will send out a mass email to request people to bring food for the Tournament. There was much discussion regarding giving free plays to the Youth Games. Cecile Skaggs made a motion that for the upcoming Sky Rocket and all future Sectional Tournaments, Youth up to the age of 25 and 0-5 points be given free plays according to ACBL rules. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nate Silverstein:

Cecile wanted to know why we don't have any 2-session games in our sectionals. I will have to ask Charlie about this for Nate Silverstein as well as having the Youth games at 6pm since school will be going on at that time. Judy will ask these questions of Charlie so we can get this on the schedule for the Nate Silverstein Tournament in Jan. 2016.

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Tunica Regional Tournament: Ed Davis is the Chair and has the Tunica Tournament under control.

Annual Meeting and Board of Director Election:

If we have an election in November, we need to have the letters out 30 days ahead of time. The Holiday Dinner and game is usually held the first Sat. in December. Somebody has to serve as chair of the nominating committee for the Unit. Letters and the Slate have to be mailed out before October 4, 2015. Larry appointed Judy Knox to act as chair of the nominating committee to find a slate of people who want to run for the Unit Board of Directors on Nov. 4 this year.

Hearing regarding disciplinary complaint against Unit 144 by Michael Schreiber: We met with the Committee about 3 weeks ago and all complaints were discussed. Larry caught us up on the Michael Schreiber disciplinary complaint against the Unit and against MA Lightman. He said the Disciplinary Committee has settled the complaint and Lightman has to do certain things regarding having certain Unit games when Michael is out of town. The Unit is not affected by this ruling.

There being no more business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn. The next board meeting will sometime after Tunica.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144

*Per my discussions with Charlie MacCracken, he is against a having a 2-session Sectional. He feels it would decrease attendance. Some people don't want to get up early and play. Some people don't want to play at night. Therefore, if they have to purchase a ticket and pay for 2 games, they just won't play.

As for the Youth games at 6pm, it cannot be done. The directors have to take a break for dinner and there would be no one to run them. He suggested we see how the games go at the Sky Rocket this summer before we schedule Youth games for January.

Linda Sherrell suggested we have the Youth games at 1:30 pm and 7pm on Saturday in January instead of 6 or 7pm Thursday and Friday. I think this is an excellent idea. I will note this on the Nate Silverstein Flier.