

Unit 144 TN Bridge Association
Board Meeting
March 11, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Alexander - President
Cecile Skaggs- Vice President
Judy Knox –Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Demetriou - Absent
Neil Brackley
Linda Sherrell - Absent

The meeting was called to order at by Larry Alexander, Unit 144 President. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance: \$5,620.99
Savings Account Balance: \$30,886.13

Discussion

There was much discussion regarding the fact that we will definitely have our Nate Silverstein and Sky Rocket Tournaments at V.T. Gala's hotel for 2016. Judy will contact V.T. and set up a date and time for us to go there and tour the premises and discuss the terms of our contract with him. She will set this up and email everybody to let them know when that will be.

Old Business

There was also discussion regarding the Tunica Tournament and the fact that Ed Davis will be running the tournament this year. Ed is negotiating with other casinos to find a better place for the tournament in 2016 and forward. We have to have it at Sam's Town this year because of our contract with them. However, the contract is up after this year. There was much discussion regarding all of the complaints that were made last year. The Tournament schedule from District 10 is good as far as our regional schedule. We will still have our regional tournament every year.

GNT: Cecile Skaggs stated we had 11 teams at our qualifying game on Feb. 14, 2015. That's 2 more than last year. After everything has been paid for we netted \$384.50. Mick was asked to direct the games because he understands how to conduct GNT events. Brian asked to direct the game. Cecile asked Mick to at least direct the morning game and let Brian direct the afternoon game. It turned out that Brian directed both games. He had to send Russ 5 or 7 texts to ask him how to run the games. Russ was in Baton Rouge. Mick did not get back in time to direct. Mick suggested we give Russ Jones some money, since Russ basically ran the game. Brian got the director's fees for both games, but Russ directed them. We want to give Russ something for directing these games. She will check to see if Russ is already getting free plays at Tunica. If he isn't, we can give him some free plays for directing the GNT game.

Cecile said any team representing us at the Nationals should be given an extra \$200 by Unit 144. Cecile made the motion that if we have any A, B or C teams advance to the Nationals we give \$200 per team. Second by Neil Brackley. Motion passed. There will not be any more GNT qualifying games by the Unit. This was voted on by District 10 at the Baton Rouge Board Meeting. You can just form a team and go to Jackson, MS and compete if you want to without playing in a Unit Qualifying round.

New Business

Awards Banquet: Last year it was April 5. We had a dinner and a Unit Championship Game. The dates were discussed and it was determined that we would have it April 11, 2015 this year. There was much discussion regarding the dinner and what we want to eat and charge for the meal this year. We decided to have Corky's this year if possible. We usually plan for about 60 people. Judy will get the letters and the sign- up sheets out ASAP for the Awards Banquet. Cecile will plan on 50 people to attend and check with Corky's about a Party Pack.

There being no more business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn. Larry will let us know by email when the next Board Meeting will be.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Knox
Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144