

Unit 144 TN Bridge Association
Board Meeting
August. 30, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Alexander - President
Cecile Skaggs- Vice President
Judy Knox –Secretary/Treasurer
Neil Brackley
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 board meeting were approved. This is a special meeting called by Ed Davis to discuss the Tunica Tournament to take place Sept. 14, 2015 through Sept. 20, 2015.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance: \$11,071
Savings Account Balance: \$20,598

Discussion

Ed discussed the fact that everything is going well in getting the Tournament ready. He has "Fingers" and the two other married caddies to help set up the tables and caddy for the tournament. They will come to Tunica on Saturday to set up for the tournament.

ACBL is emphasizing pair games and putting it on the gold rush pairs. People are playing more in the pair games. We will have less team games this year. Rooms across the hall were all used for pair games and food was put out in the hall. This year Delta D will be used to put food out. Food will be put out from 12:45 to 2pm. This will be our hospitality. Lunch will be our only hospitality and it will be served once a day. Please help us make sure no one is taking more than their fair share of the food. Ed gave us a brief rundown of the menu for each day.

Registration gifts will be plastic credit card holders and convention card stickers. Section tops will get small flashlights. Room pick up is 300 room blocks. I follow this starting Sept. 17. The 30th is when the room block closes. We have picked up 1629 rooms so far. I will check tomorrow to get a more current figure. Gold Strike's room rate for the week will be \$49 during the week which is \$10 more than Sam's Town. Contracts have been signed with Gold Strike for next year but they do not know we are not coming back at Sam's Town. This room rate is still cheaper than all of the other Regional Tournaments or Sectionals.

All in all, room reservations look good. Caddies will make the boards. The board needs to make a decision now. We are now expected to provide pre duplicated boards for the players. In the past we could pay ACBL to rent pre-duplicated boards but they are not doing it anymore. Judy Knox was kind enough to duplicate all the boards for the last sectional by using her own duplicating machine and did not charge for it. Ed said we need to buy a machine to use to duplicate the boards for Tunica. The board needs to authorize this expense. We will use this machine 3 times a year for all of our tournaments. Neil Brackley made a motion for the Unit to authorize Ed Davis to purchase a duplicating machine for us to use for all of our tournaments. Second by Cecile Skaggs. The motion passed.

Ed put the Board on notice that he may not be able to be the Tournament Chair much longer. He will help anyone else who will take the job. Larry asked Ed if he will be willing to Chair the 2019 NABC and Ed said "No". We need somebody in place to be the Tournament Chair for the NABC by January 2016 for the 2019 NABC. All the people who worked on the last Memphis NABC are not able to do it again in 2019.

Ed stated that he does not expect any clubs in Memphis to be having bridge games during the Tunica Tournament. Judy said she will not have any bridge games while the tournament is going on in Tunica.

Linda Sherrell brought up the fact that the Youth Bridge National Organization wants to have a tournament in Tunica before or after the Tunica Tournament next year. Ed told her to bring this up at the D10 meeting in Tunica this year. Linda also got a grant for \$971 from ACBL Educational Foundation to use to teach Youth Bridge at Hutchinson's this year. Judy is holding the check to see if the classes are going to make. If not, we will send the check back and request a new one.

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We are having Youth Bridge games at the M.A. Lightman bridge club on Sunday, Sept. 28. We will have 2 games a month on Sundays at 1:30pm depending on interest.

There being no more business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144