

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF ACBL UNIT 144**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 144 was held on Friday, January 20, 2017, at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. The meeting was called to order by Judy Knox.

I. QUORUM. A Quorum was present based on the presence of the following members of the Board: Judy Knox, Ernie Seger, Linda Sherrell, Lee Smart, Bob Williams, and Barbara Johnson. Sharon Ohsfeldt was also present.

The following actions were taken by appropriate motions duly made, seconded, and adopted by the majority vote of the Unit 144 Board of Directors..

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES. The minutes for the Annual Meeting held on January 8, 2017, had been previously approved by email.

III. ITEMS DISCUSSED.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Lee Smart reported the following account balances:

- i. \$4,900 in the checking account
- ii. \$20,000 in the savings account
- iii. \$1,000 in the NABC account

B. Lee presented the financial results for the Nate Silverstein Tournamet to be a net profit of \$843.

II. EDUCATIONAL LIASON REPORT

A. Linda Sherrill reported that since Hutchison will be charging \$500 per session, Summer Camps can no longer be free. To cover costs, we will have to charge \$75 per person for the first Camp. She will try to find a less expensive location for the second Camp and will be contacting V. T. Gala to determine if she can get the same place that he got her before.

B. Tolliver McKinney will be assisting Linda with the Camps this year.

C. Linda reported that \$1,600 remaining from the original ACBL Grant will be used for Youth Bridge costs this year.

III. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

It was decided that the Agricenter will again be used for the upcoming Sky Rocket Tournament.

A. We will improve appearances by providing brightly covered tablecloths and flowers. Bob Williams reported that he will try to obtain new coffee pots. Judy Knox authorized Bob to get whatever he needs.

B. Complaints were received about the lunch on Sunday. Lee Smart will be in charge of getting box lunches for the Sunday Swiss Matches at the Sky Rocket this year. We will be looking at Panera Bread, Jason's Deli and McAllisters.

IV. GNT SWISS ON FEBRUARY 25 2017

A. Judy Knox reported she has put out new flyers and sign-up sheets for the GNT Swiss Unit Qualifying Game to be held on February 25 at M. A. Lightman. She will see that the Flyer for the tournament is posted on the Tournament Web Page.

B. All teams must register in advance to receive a lunch costing \$3 each

C. Two sessions will be held at a cost of \$6 per person per session. The first session will begin at 9:30am on February 25. The second session will begin after lunch.

V. AWARDS BANQUET

- A. The Date of the Banquet will be Saturday, March 25, 2017.
- B. Awards are presented for the Mini McKinney and Ace of Club winners.
- C. Lee Smart will be in charge.
 - i. Judy Knox and Ernie Seger will send out letters to the winners.
 - ii. Judy Knox will order the awards and present them at the Banquet.
 - iii. Lee Smart will order the food and determine the prices.
 - iv. Bob Williams will get the beer and wine.
 - v. Linda Sherell will get the chips and dips.

VI. NABC 2019

- A. Sharon Ohsfeldt is the Sponsorship Chair and will coordinate and manage the fundraising activities for the 2019 NABC.
- B. Sharon provided a schedule of all the proposed activities and asked for a chair for each one.
 - i. Sue Ray is in charge of Monthly Friday Luncheons
 - ii. Sam and Kathy Love are in charge of Ads
 - iii. Barbara Johnson is chair for the City Saver Coupon Fundraiser and will find a chair for the Garage Sale Fundraiser in the fall.
 - iv. Bob Williams is in charge of T shirt sales
 - v. Remaining chairs that need to be filled:
 - a) 2017 and 2018 auction of quilts and art work
 - b) Bake Sales for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas

VII. TUNICA TOURNAMENT

- A. The Tunica Tournament will be held at the Goldstrike Casino in September.
- B. Ed Davis will be contacted for flyers and to see if he needs anything from the Unit.

VIII. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

- A. The date of the next meeting will be announced as needed

Respectfully submitted, Ernie Seger, Unit 144 Secretary