

**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, May 12, 2017, at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. The meeting was called to order at 2pm 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. Ed Davis attended as an invited guest to make an NABC Status Report.

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 February 24, 2017, had been previously approved by email.

**III. ITEMS DISCUSSED.**

**I. TREASURER'S REPORT – LEE SMART**

- A. Lee Smart reported \$3,672 in the Unit checking account and \$29,592 in the Unit savings account
- B. On Fundraising, Lee reported that \$975 was earned on the Bake Sale, \$1,475 on the Coupon Books, \$1,025 on luncheons, and \$425 in contributions. We average \$250 to \$300 per lunch.

**II. SKY ROCKET SECTIONAL – JUDY KNOX AND BOB WILLIAMS**

- A. Judy Knox reported that this year the Sky Rocket Sectional will be held again at the Agricenter. The contract has been signed and a deposit of \$800 has been sent to Sue Sigler and the Agricenter. We will be charged a total of \$2,500 this year, approximately \$500 more than last year.
- B. Bob Williams reported he will begin organizing a push for volunteers about a month before the Sectional. 3 volunteers will be needed for each day – Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Judy will put fliers out asking for food such as breakfast items. Bob said sandwich fillings such as tuna salad, chicken salad and pimento cheese would be welcome.
- C. Lee Smart made a motion that 2 Grass Roots Games be planned for Sunday Swiss and morning Saturday Pairs. Silver and Regional rated points are given to the players at these games. 1\$ of each entry is set aside as Grass Roots Money, which is sent to ACBL which returns at least 85% at the end of the year. Bob Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed. Judy reported she will change the Sky Rocket Flier to reflect the Grass Roots Games.

**III. TUNICA STATUS REPORT – ED DAVIS**

Ed Davis reported that the tournament will be held at Gold Strike. The correct telephone number to make reservations is 888-245-7829.

#### IV. NABC UNIT 144 FUNDRAISING REPORT – BARBARA JOHNSON AND LEE SMART

- A. Lee Smart reported that a garage sale has been planned, likely to be held in early September. Deborah Harrington is Chair Person. Lee reported that Deborah is doing a great job. The garage sale will be held at Rena Hertzner's house. Donations brought to the club are being taken to Rena's house by Sherry Thaxton, Donna Touliatos and the Pattersons. A Pod will be needed costing \$229. For transporting large items, Bill Frazee has donated his pick-up truck.
- B. A Silent Auction is being planned that will last approximately one month, to be held in November or December. The current idea is that the final night will be a special auction night to be combined with the Christmas Party. Ann Adler has agreed to be in charge of this committee.

A quilt has been donated by JoAnne Bird, Gail Sutton will donate a quilt for next year, Sue Lightman has offered to donate a painting from her studio. Larry Jackson's wife has offered to do an embroidery piece that should be quite valuable. Al Stone may be donating some valuable antique furniture. Other possible donations were mentioned as a possibility.

- C. A Bake Sale will be held in December, Coupon books will be sold again in January, and monthly lunches will continue.
- D. Lee also mentioned Independent Bank as a potential sponsor.

#### V. NABC STATUS REPORT – BOB WILLIAMS AND ED DAVIS

- A. Ed Davis reported that the necessary committee chairpersons will be in place this month with the first meeting to follow shortly thereafter.
- B. Ed reported that fundraising is going well with money coming in from both the District and Unit 144. Sam Love has sold 27 tables to date bringing in additional money. Ed and Bob are working with Committee Chairs to control expenses. All income and expenses will be carefully accounted for at the end.
- C. Bob Williams is exploring the idea of a very nice Convention Card Holder to be used as a favor.

#### VI. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT – LINDA SHERRELL

- A. Linda reported that she is considering advertising in the monthly publication "Best Times" – a newspaper that appears in grocery stores and senior centers. The ads would target children and grandchildren who are visiting for the summer who may be interested in Family Bridge Camp. The cost of a quarter page ad would be \$666, with ACBL paying half, the District paying a fourth, and Unit 144 paying a fourth.

Linda reported she is also considering both an email blast and a Facebook blast. As before, ACBL will pay for half the cost, the District will pay a fourth, and Unit 144 will pay a fourth.

A motion was made and seconded that the Unit approve up to \$170 for these advertising costs. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Linda reported that she has contacted Channel 5 in Memphis to be on a program airing on Saturday and Sunday, to discuss the Bridge Camps. She has not yet heard back. Linda said she is also considering an add on Channel 10.
- C. Linda is continuing to put up posters at the University of Memphis, and there is a poster already up at the Memphis Main Library. Flyers will also be possible at each of the local libraries.

VII. SCHEDULE NEXT BOARD MEETING

A. Our November elections will be coming up, and a nominating committee must be appointed 45 days before election day according to the By-Laws. Judy Knox will be exploring dates for November. Ernie Seger, Bob Williams and Barbara Johnson should be considering running for re-election.

B. A Board Meeting was scheduled for August 25 to schedule the date of the election.

IX. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted, Ernie Seger, Unit 144 Secretary