

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

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Board of Directors of Directors of Unit 144 was held on Friday, January 6, 2017 after the day's Nate Silverstein Sectional. The meeting was called to order by Judy Knox at 6pm.

I. QUORUM. A membership Quorum was present, which included the following Board Members: Judy Knox, Barbara Johnson, Ernie Seger, Linda Sherrell, Lee Smart and Bob Williams.

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 of the previous meeting with by-laws attached was approved and seconded.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

III. ITEMS DISCUSSED.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT – LEE SMART

- A. A copy of the Unit 144 Income/Expense Report, unaudited, was passed around. Lee Smart reported that the net income for Unit 144 in 2015 to be \$2,011. She reported a balance of \$10,000 in the checking account, \$10,000 in our savings account and \$1,000 in the 2019 NABC Tournament Savings Account. Lee reported that \$1,000 has already be raised, and Judy Knox reported that a separate account will be maintained for that purpose.
- B. Lee asked for a show of hands for those who would like the Nate Silverstein Sectional to be held at the same venue (Agricenter International). 10 people approved this venue for next year.
- C. Judy Knox reported that she has filed the necessary tax returns

II. EDUCATION LIASON REPORT – YOUTH BRIDGE

- A. Linda Sherrill reported that last year we held a Spring Class that was Beginning Bridge II, and one Summer Camp. Several in that summer camp went on to take Beginning Bridge Part II. Last year saw 5th and 6th Graders involved last year, but in the future we will have 6th Grade and above.
- B. Two Camps are planned for this summer: one for 6th grade tp 12th grade and the other will be for any parent that wants to bring a child from 6th grade to infinity (some previous knowledge of bridge is necessary for this one). Both will be held in July with a weekend between.

III. NABC 2019 STATUS REPORT – ED DAVIS & BOB WILLIAMS

- A. Ed Davis reported that some of the committee chairs have already been appointed. Bod Williams reported that the Financial Chairperson will be Linda Wells and the Fundraising Chairperson will be Sharon Ohsfeldt. Help is needed and if anyone wants to participate let Ed or Bob know.
- B. Ed reported that \$10,000 has already been pledged and the District has pledged approximately \$10,000, with approximately \$40,000 already raised. We need to raise at least \$60,000 with a goal of \$80,000.
- C. Fundraising will be on a committee basis rather than one person handling everything.
- D. Current and planned Fundraising projects:
 - i. Judy Knox and Lee Smart reported that the Unit has raised \$975 at a bake sale.
 - ii. Barbara Johnson reported that plans are underway to raise money by selling Memphis City Saver Coupon Books for \$25.00 each. The Unit will keep \$10 on every book sold. Memphis City Saver is a discount program that offers consumers such significant savings that the use of just two coupons will pay for the book. All the Board Members will be selling Memphis City Saver. The coupon books will be available shortly.
 - iii. Judy Knox reported that additional money will be raised through lunches at the club. Lee Smart

announced that Jack Wynns has agreed that the last Friday of every month will be designated as a fundraiser luncheon at both Judy's game and Jack's game. Teams of 5 and 6 members will provide lunches at a charge of \$4 each. Four teams have already volunteered but have not yet specified which Fridays. Lee said she will provide a sign-up sheet at the club for anyone who wishes to contribute or volunteer.

- iv. JoAnne Bird has volunteered to provide a hand made quilt and Sue Layman has volunteered to provide artwork for an auction to raise money. The auction will be held approximately 6 months before the Tournament.
- v. Judy Knox announced plans for a large garage sale to be held at a shopping center.

IV. TUNICA STATUS REPORT 2016 & 2017

- A. Ed Davis announced the Tournament will be held at the Gold Strike Casino for the next four years.
- B. Room rates for Gold Strike will be \$49 plus tax nightly for bridge players, including weekends – a great deal.
- C. Judy Knox announced that we all owe a huge debt to Ed Davis for his efforts. Flo Seger publicly thanked him and he received a well deserved round of applause.
- D. The 2016 tournament had over 10% increase in attendance, or 150 tables.

V. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT REPORT

- A. Charlie MacCracken reported that we had 117 ½ tables through this afternoon. Gross attendance was down because the previous day was cancelled because of weather and no night games had been scheduled. The numbers were not bad considering we only had 4 sessions as opposed to 9 sessions. Even so, the numbers appeared to be up from last year on a session-to-session basis.

VI. DECEASED MEMBER'S REPORT FOR 2016

- A. Jackie Stewart was unable to attend and give the report, but Judy Knox reported that we had 3 deceased members last year: Jan Dacus, Vera Lamar, Debbie Rosenberg and Jean Thomas.
- B. The meeting had a moment of silence in memory of our members lost last year

V. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED following a round of applause for Bob Williams.

Respectfully submitted, Ernie Seger, Unit 144 Secretary