

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Alexander- President
Cary Rodgers-Vice President
Judy Knox –Secretary
Jody Couch – Treasurer
Tom Dixon - absent

Cecile Skaggs
Al Stone
Kathy Love
Jackie Stewart
Henry Francis- absent

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by Larry Alexander, Unit 144 President. The minutes emailed by Judy Knox for September were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Jody Couch

Jody gave the treasurer's report for Unit 144. See copy attached and Summary Below.

Beginning check book balance	\$-10,163.68
Deposit	<u>29,890.69</u>
Total Income	\$19,727.01
Less Total Expenses	<u>11,723.43</u>
Ending check book Balance	\$ 8,003.58
Savings Account Balance	<u>14,467.31</u>
Total Cash On Hand	\$22,470.89
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Annual Meeting – Holiday Party

Cary Rogers is in charge of the dinner for the annual meeting. Everything is under control and we are ready for the dinner/annual meeting on Dec. 1, 2012. Larry will come at noon to set up the ballot box and check in all absentee votes and check ACBL numbers for people who come in person to vote. Jean Thomas will be asked to take up money for the dinner. Donna Touliatos will help with decorating the club. V.T. will count the votes. He will ask someone to help him. 3 people are needed to count the votes. Discussion was held regarding clean up after the dinner. Larry told Cary to take care of the clean -up. The Deceased Members list will be read by Jackie Stewart. A board meeting will be held on December 2, 2012 at 11:30am to elect new officers and to welcome the new Board Members.

Discussion Regarding Having 2 Boards of Directors

There was much discussion regarding having 2 Board of Directors, one for the Unit and one for M. A. Lightman. It was determined that it is very hard to just get people to run for one Board it would be impossible to get people to run for 2 different Boards. The suggestion box needs to get put out again for people to state their complaints in a rational manner rather than attacking individual board members in an angry manner. We discussed having an M.A. Lightman annual meeting in the spring. There is no requirement in the Bylaws to have an M.A. Lightman annual meeting. The final M.A. Lightman By laws state that the MAL annual meeting shall not be held in conjunction with the Unit 144 annual meeting.

Nate Silverstein Tournament

Judy Knox, Tournament chair discussed the Nate Silverstein Tournament that is taking place in January 3-6, 2013. All Contracts have been signed through 2015. Discussion was held regarding raising the Novice games from 199 to 299 limits. It was decided that Judy should ask Charlie MaCracken if he approves this and go with what he says. Jackie Stewart is the hospitality chair and she said she is ready and will take care of hospitality.

The Grass Roots Fund –Cecile Skaggs District 10 Delegate

ACBL approved the establishment of a new Grass Roots Fund with December being designated as "Grass Roots Fund Month." Clubs may hold special games with the same rules and regulations that apply to the other special fund months. Funds raised will be returned annually, no later than March 3rd to the individual District in which the funds were raised, and shall be used by the District to help fund Grass Roots events. Grass Roots events are defined as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs. ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds. This is effective immediately. We really need to promote the GNT especially among novice players. Saturday afternoon, Dec. 8, 2012 will be our first Grass Roots Fund game at Lightman. The extra money will be sent to the District and used as additional money for Grand National Teams to go to the National tournaments. We are targeting the C strata. C is 0 to 500 and non- life master.

Unit 144-TN Bridge Association
Board of Director's Minutes
November 17, 2012

Cecile discussed the new ovens that were purchased by the Unit for the Club. She said they are great but they are already dirty. We need to put a sign up to say if you spill something, please wipe it up. They are self-cleaning, but people should still clean up their spills when they happen. Cecil also discussed Charity games. She thinks we should have more Charity games. Larry said we can have one Charity game per month. They are already sanctioned. We need to appoint a Charity Chair in January and make sure we have one a month.

Cecile is promoting the GNT games. She will put together something on these games. She is going around to all the Novice games and promoting the GNT. It will be held on February 16. It is an afternoon/evening event. Those who qualify go to Jackson sometime in April. The winner goes to Atlanta. It is a fun thing to do and we need to get the newer players together and build some enthusiasm. Mick asked if we could consider having something brought in for dinner that day. The Unit could subsidize this dinner.

ABA Combined Game in Tunica

Al Stone talked to Sam Graham and he had someone contact Mick. They are going back and forth and are working things out for this game. It is in March or February, 2013. It is in the works and we will have it. It will be announced as soon as plans have been completed.

Tunica Tournament Sept. 2012 – Ed Davis Chair

Ed Davis talked briefly. \$14,297.97 net profit was made. Unit 144's share was \$7,899.97. We owe District 10- \$6,346. Last year we sent the District \$5300. So, the Tournament was up. However, table count was down and expenses were up. We had 1894 tables last year. We had 1856 tables this year. We will change the schedule for next year. We were committed to use the 10 and 3 schedule for 3 years and it is not working. We are losing tables. The knockouts must be changed. We are down by 100 tables because of this schedule. Dates for the next 3 tournaments are: 2013 is Sept. 16-22, 2014 is Sept. 8-14, and 2015 14-20. We have contracts with Sam's town through 2015.

Al Stone made a motion to adjourn the Unit meeting. It was seconded by Kathy Love. The motion passed. The Unit 144 meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. The next Board meeting will be December 2, 2012 at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144