

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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

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

**Treasurer's Report- Jody Couch**

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

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| Beginning check book balance | \$ 2,143.32        |
| Deposit                      | <u>35,890.69</u>   |
| Total Income                 | \$38,034.01        |
| Less Total Checks written    | <u>10,156.53</u>   |
| Ending check book Balance    | \$ 27,877.48       |
| Savings Account Balance      | <u>22,819.19</u>   |
| Total Cash On Hand           | <u>\$50,696.67</u> |
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Ed Davis will give Larry a financial statement to show results of the Tunica Tournament. He will give to Judy to email to everybody. The above balance does not reflect several large expenses that have to be covered for the Tunica Tournament.

**Annual Meeting – Holiday Party**

Jackie Stewart, hospitality chair is absent. Cary Rogers is in charge of the dinner for the annual meeting. The Unit will have to elect 5 new board members at the Holiday Party which will be held on December 1, 2012. Larry Alexander, Jody Couch, Tom Dixon, Judy Knox and Kathy Love are scheduled to go off the Board this year. Larry, Jody, Tom and Judy will run for the Board of Directors again. Kathy Love is undecided. Larry will appoint a nominating committee ASAP. The nominating committee is made up of 5 people. The majority should not be Board members. Larry appoints the chair of the nominating committee and the chair can choose the other 4 members. When the new slate of candidates has been selected, the Board has to approve it, and it will be sent out in the Notice of annual meeting and Holiday Party. Notices have to be mailed to every Unit 144 member 30 days prior to the meeting. Since the meeting is December 1, 2012 this year the letters have to go out on or before October 30, 2012. Since Judy is secretary she will take care of sending out the letters. Kathy Love volunteered to help Judy send out the letters this year.

**ABA Joint Tournament**

Al Stone contacted the ABA about having a joint game. He talked to Sam Graham and he is receptive to having a joint tournament with us. Al suggested that Monday would be the best day for the joint tournament. Al will get the exact date and work it out with the ABA. Will the club be open that day? Should we pay for a guard for Monday night? If we support this ABA game, should we have a game here at the club? Jack has a game on Mon morning and Terry has one on Monday night. Should we insist that the club be closed that day? We will let Al Stone work out all these details with everyone. Al said he will take care of it. Henry Francis volunteered to help Al.

**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.

If anyone wants to participate in this, any funds will go to this event to help defray expenses. We need to set a date to sanction a grass roots game for December. If we want another GNT fund raiser, the charge is \$10 per table for one game a year. It is 100% sectional rated. This is the only game that is 100% sectional rated. We need to talk to Mick about this. There was some discussion regarding when to have a grass roots game in December. We need to check with Mick regarding when to have this game. That might be a club item. We will discuss this with Mick in the club meeting.

Unit 144-TN Bridge Association  
Board of Director's Minutes  
September 22, 2012

**Kathy Love brought up a discussion regarding leaks that are spread about our board meetings. We cannot conduct business this way. When we discuss certain topics in the meeting they should not be discussed outside the meetings. It was decided that nothing can be discussed with Lightman members until the minutes have been approved and published.**

**Henry Francis made a motion to adjourn the Unit meeting. It was seconded by Tom Dixon. The motion passed. The Unit 144 meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Knox*

**Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144**