

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Alexander- President
Cary Rodgers-Vice President (absent)
Judy Knox –Secretary
Al Stone- Treasurer
Tom Dixon

Cecile Skaggs
Judy Dever
Ed Davis
Jackie Stewart
Henry Francis

The meeting was called to order by Larry Alexander at 10:30am. The minutes previously emailed by Judy Knox were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Al Stone gave the treasurer's report. We got \$9,100 from the Sky Rocket Tournament. Our net from the Tournament after all expenses were paid was \$2,600. The ending bank balance for the Unit is \$4969.22 in the Unit Checking account. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Nate Silverstein report – Judy Knox

Nate Silverstein Tournament	
Prepared by Judy Knox, Tournament Chair Thurs - Sunday	
Year	2013
Date	1/3-1/6
Location	Hilton
Total tables	300.5
Fee per player	11
Gross receipts	14061.30
Total expenses	<u>11275.14</u>
Net income	2786.16 =====
Tables by day	
Day 1	86.0
Day 2	92.0
Day 3	74.5
Day 4	48.0
Total	300.5

There was discussion regarding not having Knock Outs in the next Sectional Tournament since they are so poorly attended. It was discussed we will have 3 different sections instead of knockouts and add a 0-999 section to the schedule for the Sky Rocket Sectional in 2013. WE will try this in an attempt to get attendance up. We were down by 10 tables this year for the Nate Silverstein Tournament. This was discussed with Charlie MacCracken who approved the new schedule.

Need to appoint new Recorder

Beverly Parrish has resigned as our Unit 144 Recorder. We need to appoint a new one who is not on the Board. Several names were mentioned and declined the position. We will discuss this at the next Meeting.

Awards Banquet in April – Need to set a date

The date for the Awards Banquet was set for April 13, 2013. Jackie Stewart will be in charge of the dinner and set up. Judy Knox will send out letters to the award winners. We will ask Terry if he will grill steaks again. This shouldn't cost a lot of money. Jackie Stewart will talk to Terry about this. We can discuss details in more depth at the next board meeting.

GNT – Cecile Skaggs

Cecile has been to novice games and told them about the GNT games on Feb. 16, 2013. She thinks there will be more C teams this year. It will be on 2/16 at 1:30 in the afternoon. We looked into providing dinner between the 2 sessions. Corky's will deliver this meal at 5pm on Feb. 16. It will cost \$5.00 per person. Mass emails will be sent out by Judy to advertise this event. There will be an article in the Newsletter to promote it as well.

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Board of Director's Minutes
January 19, 2013

Old Business

1. Al Stone hired a tax consultant to look into lowering the taxes we pay on our building. The taxes will be lowered from \$4708 to \$ 2700 per year.
2. Ed Davis discussed the Tunica Tournament and stated we were down by 50 tables and there were no other tournaments in the area. We feel the schedule that was imposed on us by the District 10 is responsible for this low turnout. Ed approached Chuck Wilkinson, who is the District 10 Tournament oversight committee Chairman for the District about our problem. The D-10 Board will discuss this at the meeting on Feb. 9, 2013 in Nashville. We will have to rely on Cecile to discuss this at the meeting.

New Business

Brian Cummings came to discuss having another knock out event at the Bridge Club in the future. A motion was made by Ed Davis to allow Brian to give us a written proposal regarding this event with detailed and specific descriptions of how everything will work. We would also like to not have cash awards included this time since it caused such a problem at the last knock out event. We feel like increased master points and the glory of winning is enough to make people want to play. The motion passed. The proposal should be submitted to the Board in 3 weeks.

The next board meeting will be February 23, 2013 at 10:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144