

BOARD MEMBERS

Larry Alexander-President
Ed Davis- vice President
Judy Knox –Secretary

Linda Thompson- Treasurer
Bill Demetriou
Cecile Skaggs

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

Treasurer's Report – Linda Thompson

Checking Account Balance	\$3,000.00
Savings Account Balance	\$23,900.00

Mentor Games

Discussion by Judy Knox regarding mentor games. The Patersons brought up a problem regarding the declining attendance in mentor games especially on Wednesday nights. There was discussion regarding the mentor games and what we can do to improve attendance. Problems are coming up with mentors and mentees playing together with more than the minimum amount of points. We are discussing lowering the maximum amount of points to 300 for mentees. The MAL bridge club is in charge of the Mentor games. They should decide the rules in regards to the Mentor games. Judy is going to attend the next MAL board meeting to discuss the rules and some possible changes for the upcoming session. There was also a discussion by Judy regarding an elementary school teacher who teaches children 9 & 10 years old how to play bridge. They want to come to MAL Club on a field trip and play a bridge game. It was decided that this needs to be discussed at the MAL Board meeting along with the Mentor game re-vamping.

Tournaments

Who is the Unit Tournament Coordinator? Ed said that Mick is. We called Mick into the meeting and we discussed the fact that Mick is now the Unit Coordinator. Mick came in and discussed tournament procedures with the Board. The Unit board is in charge of all regional and sectional tournaments held within Unit 144. He also discussed the schedule and the fliers. Linda Thompson was brought up to speed regarding her function as treasurer with the Tunica tournament. The District gets half of the profit from the Tunica tournament and the Unit gets half. If there are disciplinary problems at a Regional tournament, the director takes care of it. He can get a disciplinary committee together on the spot if necessary. Mick wants to give section top awards and not give registration gifts this year.

There was discussion regarding having some additional sectionals in Memphis. Judy checked with Bert Ferguson and they said we can have a sectional there for \$2,000 for the weekend. That would be all day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Cecile checked with Pickering to see if we can have the GNT games there next year. They said yes and they will charge us \$600 for the whole day. We think that if we move the GNT or the Sectional Tournaments to Pickering or Bert Ferguson, we will get more tables. A discussion was held about having one more sectional at Halloween. We also need to bring in some new people to help with Tournaments and to bring food to the tournaments. Larry has not heard anything back from Paris Landing. We may not be able to have any more tournaments there. We will forget about Paris Landing for now.

Halloween falls on a Friday this year and we would like to have it for the weekend. We have to get Charlie to approve the date now. We also have to have a place. Bert Ferguson is the place to have it. Judy will check with Charlie and Bert Ferguson. Judy will do this today after the meeting.

Annual Meeting (Business meeting and Holiday Party)

The Annual Holiday Party will be December 6, 2014 this year. We want to set the annual business meeting and election on a Wednesday in November this year. The Unit Business Meeting will be November 12 on a Wednesday this year. It will be at 6:30 pm at M. A. Lightman Bridge Club. Judy will prepare the notification letter for the annual business meeting and election and send it out this afternoon. The Holiday Party will be held on a different date this year. We don't want the same thing to happen at our Holiday Party that happened last year when 20 people got up and walked out because the business meeting was taking too long.

The next Board Meeting will be May 17, 2014 at 10:30 am. Cecile made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Knox
Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144

Unit 144-TN Bridge Association
Board of Director's Minutes
April 26, 2014