

Unit 144- TN Bridge Association
Board of Director's Minutes
August 23, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS

Larry Alexander-President
Judy Knox –Secretary
Ed Davis (No longer a Board Member)

Linda Thompson- Treasurer
Bill Demetriou
Cecile Skaggs

The meeting was called to order by Larry Alexander at 10:30AM. The minutes of the last Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Thompson

Checking Account Balance	\$1,323.54
Savings Account Balance	\$25,878.74

Old Business

GNT

Cecile talked about the GNT for 2015. She said we will have it at Lightman on February 14 with a morning session break for lunch and then have an afternoon session. The morning game starts at 9:30 and lunch is provided for a fee. Last year, Cecile asked for reservations, made lasagna and charged everybody \$5. Some couldn't eat lasagna, but it worked out fine. Person providing lunch gets money back for the costs of preparing. Cecile will get the flier out before Christmas, Judy can make fliers. Cecile asked Linda Thompson to help her with the GNT games. Linda will help Cecile to distribute fliers and advertise the GNT games.

Tunica Tournament- Ed Davis for Mick McGuire

Ed came to give us a status report on Tunica. He is no longer a board member. He had to resign for personal reasons. Ed stated that everything is ready and is looking good for Tunica. The caddies will come in early to set up the tables. Room pick up is looking good. The Unit Board members will not be needed to help set up the tables. Charlie will be down to set up everything for the team games.

New Item of Old Business- Sky Rocket Tournament

Everybody talked about how great the Tournament was this year. Judy Knox gave out copies of the financial statements and expense reports from the tournament. We were up by 62 tables this year. Income was also up by \$2900.

We need to try to find a new place to have the 2 tournaments starting in 2016. Our contract will be up with the Hilton at the end of 2015. There was much discussion regarding potential places to have the Unit Tournaments in 2016. Judy talked to the Marriott. They will charge \$89 room rate and \$3000 to rent the ballroom. They will not allow us to bring in food. So, we cannot have it at the Marriott. I have discussed the Germantown Community Center with VT and he said they would let us rent it for \$4500 for 4 days. They may give it to us cheaper if we sign a 3 year or longer contract. He says we can get a block of rooms with a close by hotel for under \$80 per night. He can get me more information when the manager gets back in town next week. Linda is still trying to get information from Overton Square and French Quarter Inn.

I have requested a presentation from the Hilton for prices for 2016 forward, but they have not given it to me yet. I have also requested that the rental price should be lowered for the Nate Silverstein tournament in 2015 since we are only having it for 3 days instead of 4 days.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2014 at 10:30 am. We will work on preparing election notices for the next Unit 144 Election and annual board meeting on November 12, 2014 at 6:30pm. Cecile made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Knox
Judy Knox, Secretary Unit 144