

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF ACBL UNIT 144**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 144 was held on Friday, December 2, 2016, at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. The meeting was called to order by Judy Knox.

I. QUORUM. A Quorum was present based on the presence of the following members of the Board: Judy Knox, Ernie Seger, Linda Sherrell, Lee Smart and Bob Williams. Barbara Johnson sent her regrets.

The following actions were taken by appropriate motions duly made, seconded, and adopted by the majority vote of the Unit 144 Board of Directors..

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES. The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously approved by email.

III. ITEMS DISCUSSED.

I. NABC STATUS REPORT.

- A. Bob Williams discussed preparations for the 2019 Spring North American Bridge Championships to be held in Memphis. Bob Williams reported that the Convention Bureau estimated the economic impact of the Nationals being held in 2009 was 6.68 million dollars.
- B. The Finance Committee Chairperson will not be determined immediately.
- C. The Fundraising/Sponsor Project Manager is Sharon Ohsfeldt
 - i. Bob reported that work is ongoing to find tournament sponsors. Specifically, he will be in discussions with Kevin Kane to obtain a sponsorship from Bass Pro.
- D. Lee Smart began a discussion on how much money needed to be raised.
 - i. Bob Williams reported that although the budget will be large, it is too early to determine the exact amounts. He will be meeting with Bill Frazee on this topic.
 - ii. Costs will include hospitality, gifts, prizes, food, and other miscellaneous items such as providing tours.
 - iii. Lee Smart reported that she will open a separate bank account to keep track of the funds raised for NABC.

II. NATE SILVERSTEIN TOURNAMENT

- A. Bob Williams reported that so far he has two volunteers (Ernie and Flo Seger) for Thursday food preparations. He needs additional volunteers, otherwise he will have to pay for help.
- B. He reported that there will be a big savings because there will be no night games

III. PRESENTATION OF TAX RETURN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- A. Judy Knox reported she has filed the 2015 Tax Return. She passed around copies of the Income/Expense Report which showed a net income of \$2,011.
- B. Lee Smart reported there is \$2,657 in the checking account and \$28,480 in the savings account.
- C. Barbara Johnson had suggested selling City Saver Coupon Books as a fund raising idea. Linda Sherrell made a motion that her idea be approved, and was seconded by Ernest Seger.

IV. CHRISTMAS PARTY

- A. It was suggested that the Christmas Party be held after the December 17th Birthday Game. There will be a cocktail party from 5pm to 7pm with heavy hor d'oeuvres. We will pay for the security guard.
- B. Lee Smart said she would find selective people to bring heavy hor d'oeuvres . The motion was made and seconded. All were in favor

V. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT by Linda Sherell

- A. Linda Sherrell reported that she had written a mini proposal and had put together the budget. Rules had been changed about obtaining Grants, but Tolliver McKinney was helping work on that.
- B. As soon as final dates are set, Linda reported she can fill out the forms necessary to take before the Hutchison Board so that there would be no charge.
- C. Linda reported on last year's Summer Camp for 6th through 9th graders as well as the Family Bridge Camp.

VI. FUND RAISING FOR NABC 2019

- A. Lee Smart suggested that a Garage Sale be held in March or April but needed a place for it to be held. Linda Sherrell volunteered to ask the Kroger store Manager for space in their parking lot.
- B. Lee also reported she has already raised \$80 through donations and the bake sales, which is almost sold out.
- C. Linda suggested selling T-Shirts with front-only being printed and will check on the costs of that.
- D. Lee suggested that on the last Friday of every month a lunch fund raiser be held. That idea had been approved by Jack.

Respectfully submitted, Ernie Seger, Unit 144 Secretary