

**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, October 6, 2017, at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. The meeting was called to order at 1:45pm by Judy Knox.

Judy announced that at her request V.T. Gala, as agreed to be the Tournament Chair for Tunica, and has informed Chuck Wilkinson, District 10 Tournament Oversight Committee Chair, of that action

**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, Bob Williams, and Barbara Johnson. Also present was Sharon Ohsfeldt.

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 for the Annual Meeting held on August 25, 2017, had been previously approved by email.

**III. ITEMS DISCUSSED.**

**I. TREASURER'S REPORT – LEE SMART**

Lee Smart reported \$80,000 in the Unit Bank Account (see attached). In the NABC Fund Raising Account we have raised \$9,950. See attached.

**II. TUNICA TOURNAMENT (discussion of Gold Strike location and changes needed)**

- A. Bob Williams reported we were down 98 tables from 2016.
- B. All bills to ACBL have been paid. The hotel invoice from Gold Strike has not been paid but is now being reviewed.
- C. Bob also reported that Gold Strike Hotel was nice but the playing space was not, as many were playing in hallways. He suggested that V.T. Gala be consulted as soon as possible regarding the contract with Gold Strike and the possibility of returning next year to Sam's Town. Judy Knox reported she will has given this information to Chuck Wilkerson, District 10 Oversight Committee Chair, who will contact VT in this regard.
- D. Judy Knox also reported that the final budget for the next Tunica Tournament has to be completed in the next 6 weeks. Lee Smart will be in charge of that. VT will be working on the Tournament Schedule. A meeting will be scheduled shortly to discuss and finalize these details.
- E. Judy Knox reported results from a survey that was done regarding this year's Delta Dealin' Tournament. The Food & Beverage portion was rated very low – the worst of all categories.
- F. Sharon Ohsfeldt presented a detailed Registration Report (see attached). Suggestions were made to improve the next Tournament. For example, add speakers, a free luncheon for 0-199ers (which District will support financially), and bring back Swiss Gold Teams. Timely advertising is extremely important.
- G. Lee Smart presented a handout listing other tournaments in our area and their scheduling times compared with Memphis. Also a preliminary schedule for next year's Tournament. See attached. Lee also submitted several suggestions for improvements to player experience as well reviewing the amounts that we are paying to Directors. Also having more internal controls over cash at the Tournament. Consider better promotion, banners, buttons, etc.

### III. FUND RAISER GAMES PROMOTION

Judy said upcoming Fund Raiser Games need to be promoted.

### IV. NABC 2019 – Bob Williams

- A. Bob Williams presented a logo for NABC, which everyone praised.
- B. Chairperson assignments are on schedule and an emphasis will be placed on finding good committee members. A preliminary budget has been prepared and financially we will be on sound footing. Sponsorships are being worked on.
- C. Bob said he will put an emphasis on Hospitality, as that will be critical to a good player experience, particularly to encourage newer players.

### V. Election for the Unit Board in November – Judy Knox

- A. Judy reported she has already mailed out over 120 letters.

### VI. YOUTH BRIDGE – Linda Sherrell

- A. Linda reported that 18 students have continued for classes (no dropouts).
- B. Linda also reported that she gave Lee Smart a check for \$450 to pay for books.
- C. Linda has the license for “No Trump in a Day”. She and Tolliver had already purchased the license for “Learn Bridge in a Day”.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bob Williams inquired as to how we can get ABA players more involved. Lee Smart reported she had asked them to do a luncheon and they were thrilled to do so.
- B. Lee also suggested that an ABA player be appointed to each committee preparing for the Nationals.

### VI. NEXT BOARD MEETING – Judy Knox

- A. The next Board Meeting will be held Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, after the afternoon game.
- B. It should not be long, but would be held to introduce the new incoming Board Members.

Respectfully submitted, Ernie Seger, Unit 144 Secretary