

Unit 144 TN Bridge Association
Annual Meeting
January 5, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Judy Knox - President

Lee Smart – Treasurer

Linda Sherrell – Education Liaison

Tolliver McKenney

Board Members Absent

Barbara Johnson- Vice President (injury)

Tom Ebers- Secretary (Out of Town)

The Unit 144 members were served a delicious dinner (at no charge) of Smoked Chicken Sliders, Twice baked Potato Salad, BBQ Beans & Cole Slaw. The meeting was called to order at 5 :30pm by Judy Knox, Unit 144 President. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from last year and to approve them as written. The motion passed. We have 34 Unit 144 members present so we have a quorum. We can have our meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – Lee Smart

Lee has filed an extension for the 2017 Unit 144 Tax return. We raised \$15,000, we received a gift of \$10,000 and district 10 will provide \$50,000 for the NABC 2019. We have \$75,000 so far for the NABC 2019. The tax return and the financial statements will be posted on the Unit 144 web page soon. Lee is in charge of Fundraising for the NABC 2019 and will get them done as soon as she can.

Linda Sherrell – Youth Bridge Education Liaison

Linda has been working very hard on the Youth Bridge Camps and teaching Youth. Last year she had a class with about 10 people in the class. Half adult and half kids. This summer we had 2 camps. Tolliver McKenney helped with it. We had about 4 tables. It was a Family Bridge Camp. Several of the kids continued in the fall class at Riverdale elementary. We have 17 kids and 1 adult in this class. We received another grant from ACBL for around \$1200.

2019 NABC in Memphis

Bob Williams is the Tournament Chair. He had to leave. But he is doing very well. He has appointed most of the committee Chairs. I will be the Partnership Desk chair, Deborah Harrington is the Intermediate/Newcomer Chair, Lee Smart is the Fundraiser Chair and Tom Ebers is Hospitality Chair. Gloria Worthy is the Treasurer. Everything is running very smoothly. Lee stated that we have \$75,000 raised so far. We also have this whole year to raise more. Lee and Bob are working very hard and doing a great job with this.

Tunica Status Report

V.T. Gala is the new Tunica Tournament Chair. He had to go out of town tonight. We are working on the Schedule and the flyer. We should get it out when V.T. returns. We are doing things a lot different this time. The Tournament will be at the Gold Strike. The hotel will be selling sandwiches, hot dogs and drinks in the hall this year. There will be no games played in the hallway. We are hoping to have the other big room available to use. It just needs the lighting to be fixed. The flyer is coming soon.

Sectional Tournament Report – Charlie MacCracken

Charlie stated that so far, we have had 115 tables this year. Last year we had 117 tables after 2 days. So, we are very close to what we had last year.

DECEASED MEMBERS REPORT (Judy Knox)

Debbie Rosenberg, Cynthia Balik, Diane Oldham, Al Fister, Dorothy Breakstone, Fay Droke, Henry Francis, Kathryn Marler and Edith Reiter. A moment of silence was observed for these deceased members. The new member report was circulated for everyone to read.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY LAWS

We are proposing to amend the bylaws to eliminate the division of the Unit into 4 playing areas. We are proposing to combine all playing areas into one. We have attempted to have separate elections for each playing area for many years. Areas 2,3, and 4 have never shown an interest in participating and have told me that they have no interest in electing any board members to serve on the Unit board. There are 540 Unit 144 members in Area 1(which is Shelby county), 11 members in area 2(which is Union City), 15 members in area 3(which is Dresden, TN) and 24 members in area 4(which is Jackson, TN). There are only two bridge clubs remaining in areas 2,3, &4. One is in Jackson, TN and one is in Union City, Tn.

There is no longer a need for us to divide the Unit into 4 playing areas. Please see amended by laws which have been posted on the Unit 144 web page. Changes are noted in red. We are also changing the way we will determine a tie vote from flipping a coin to having the current President make the decision. We are changing the time of submission of write in votes for Board Members from 96 hours to 30 days so people would have more time to vote for a write in candidate if they choose. We are adding a 7th Board member to the Unit 144 board.

There was much discussion by the Unit members regarding the above proposals. After the discussion, each proposal was voted on with the following results:

- The proposal to eliminate the division of Unit 144 into 4 playing areas was passed unanimously.
- The proposal to determine a tie vote by having the current Unit 144 president make the decision failed.
- The submission for a write-in vote changed to 30 days passed unanimously.
- Adding a 7th board member to the Unit Board passed unanimously.

The proposed Amendment passed unanimously except for flipping a coin to determine a tie vote. Flipping a coin to determine a tie vote will remain in the bylaws. The Amended Bylaws are posted on the Unit 144 web page for your review.

A motion was made by Harold Katz to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Knox
Judy Knox, President Unit 144