

Minutes from the meeting of Unit 144 Board of Directors

January 8, 2020

Present were the following: Barbara Johnson (President); Lee Smart (Treasurer); Ed Davis (Tournament Coordinator) Sue Ray (GNT and NAP Coordinator); Bill Demetriou (Secretary)

Meeting called to order by Barbara Johnson.

Barbara Johnson wanted to thank outgoing Board members Toliver McKinney and Bob Williams for their service and hard work.

Motion to approved minutes from last meeting was made and seconded and approved unanimously.

Lee Smart gave Treasurer's Report. 2019 Tunica Regional finances were still being resolved and currently the Unit has \$56,121.00 in checking account. Lee and Ed are working hard to resolve final Tunica numbers. IN Tournament was not as successful as hoped. It was a good starting point. Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Lee Smart brought up the subject of new member recruitment and paying teachers to give lessons to new recruits and to retain them. Lee stated that Mike Nessbaum was working with ACBL to head a steering committee to recruit new members. The subject of retention of the new members was addressed at that point. Lee made a proposal to give teachers a stipend and cover their expenses. Ed Davis brought up that ACBL offers an accreditation program that the Unit pays for that teaches participants how to teach Bridge. The final proposals came out of the discussions. 1. Teachers must apply to the Unit Committee (Judy Knox, Lee Smart and Sue Ray) to get the stipend and expense reimbursement. 2. Teachers must take the accreditation course. 3. The teachers must show a success of their class, and the teachers have to present data to the "Unit Committee." After more discussion, the Unit Board agreed to set up an education program with a \$200 stipend and up to \$1,000 to cover expenses. The approval process rests with the Unit Committee. Motion was made and seconded and approved unanimously.

Next subject was allocation of Unit Championship games. Ed Davis is the gatekeeper of the program. Clubs must apply, and Ed will submit to board for approval.

Next was discussion of Awards Banquet. It has since been cancelled, and all winners were notified by email or on the phone.

Next was discussion of GNT game. Sue had it under control.

Next board meeting was set for 5.9.2020 and meeting was adjourned.