

President's Report

Approval of Unit 143 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes-10/19/2019.

I'd like to thank all you for attending Unit 143's annual Membership Meeting. I'd also like to thank past and present Board Members for their service. The unit's only real purpose is to conduct tournaments. Things are quite different than they have been in past years. As you know, all of our tournaments have been completely shutdown by ACBL due to Covid-19. We're hoping that tournaments can start back up by 3rd quarter of 2021 but it is very much an unknown due to state and local authorities.

Scoring devices - Rick Beye has provided Bridgepads for past Unit 143 tournaments. Bridgepads are no longer being made. Rick was leasing the devices from Bridgepad and had to return them last year when Bridgepad terminated his lease to be able to support other customers. Unit 143 will have to provide their own devices for future tournaments. Whether to scavenge for old ones or purchase new different equipment is our dilemma at this time. This will need to be resolved for us to resume live tournament play.

Tournament directors Rick Beye and Chris Patrias have retired. Future Unit 143 tournaments will require bringing in directors from other cities. This will increase costs and may require raising entry fees.

I'll share my screen showing Unit 143's membership trends for 2020. As you can see, we lost 85 members in 2020 which is probably due to Covid-19.

We currently have 1 opening on the Board. Please let Mark Zellmer, our Nominating Chair, know if you or someone you know are interested.

Financial Report-Kelly White