Minutes for Board Meeting, March 14, 2018 ACBL Unit 143, Board of Directors

Attendees: Becky Hubert, President; Mark Boswell, Vice President; Dianne Glick, Secretary; Lee Hastings; Jay Shah; Mark Ziegelman; Mary Dolan; Debbie Romero; Dennis Abeln Absentees: John Antognoli; Jeff Kopolow; Linda Seibert

President Hubert called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Lee moved that minutes of the February meeting be approved for posting, seconded by Mark B. Motion passed.

President's Report: Becky explained our policy regarding the posting on the Unit's website of those achieving new masterpoint designations from the ACBL. We receive notification of rank achievements no earlier than the 6th of the month, posting on our website occurs promptly.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was emailed to us.

Tournament Reports:

299er Tournament March 24-25 Mark Z reported that registration numbers are not coming in as fast as usual. Mark reported that all is in order. Mary has agreed to help Mark on Saturday, and Mark B. will help on Sunday.

May Sectional: Flyer is on ACBL website. Debbie shared information on set-up by ACBL. Strata for 299ers at Sectional are 0-50, 50-150 and 150-300. Becky and Debbie and all Club Directors will do their best to publicize the tournament Regarding the 299er Sunday Sessions, discussion was held again of returning to Swiss Teams on Sunday. We previously voted to continue two sessions of pairs one more time. We will revisit this discussion after the May Sectional. Debbie suggested that we hold mini learning Q&A on differences in pairs and teams for the 299ers, plus information on bracketing.

Regional: A discussion was held to clarify section top awards - IN's get trophies, but no section top awards otherwise. A motion was made by Dennis, seconded by Lee, to eliminate Section top awards for all Regional events but to maintain trophies for I/N games. Motion carried. We have decided to do one full page ad in ACBL Bulletin as opposed to one 2/3 page add and 1 1/3 ad in a different month. Debbie is designing the ad with ACBL.

We discussed the Unit and District District Board Meeting and the cocktail party No changes will be made to the District Unit gathering. Due to the schedule changes, we anticipate greater morning participation, and therefore will offer doughnuts and pastries every morning. Because we anticipate lower numbers of evening players, we will adjust the food served accordingly. The District Board Meeting will be held Saturday evening instead of Saturday morning, which eliminates the need for the District breakfast. Debbie asked John Samsel to take flyers to Nationals.

Old Business: Tables Lee had nothing to report

Awards: Mark B Mark has trophies ready for the Sectional.

Bidding Boxes: John Antognoli No report, as John was absent.

Caddies: Debbie We discussed whether or not to allow an 11-year old caddy and decided it was ok when we need to.

Datebook: Dennis No report

Education: Lee Dennis has flyer for camp and will send out. Flyers will be brought to the Sectional.

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Membership: Jay Report was emailed to us. Our current membership is 1332. Jay is up to date with new member letters.	
Partnership: Linda No report, as Linda was absent.	
Publicity: Debbie See Debbie's report within the Tournament section.	
Unit Games: Mark B. As there is not a Tuesday evening game, the Unit Game was moved to Friday morning, May 4.	
Website: Mary Mary asked that all Board members check personal information on website. Please email John with any changes or corrections	
New Business: None The next meeting will be April 11, 2018, at Creve Coeur Police Department. Mark B moved to adjourn, Dianne seconded.	