

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, Nov 14, 2018

Location: Creve Coeur Police Department Meeting Room

Attendees: Becky Hubert, Terry D'Amato, Estella Lau, Jay Shah, Debbie Romero, Mark Boswell, Lee Hastings, Dennis Abeln

Absent: John Antognoli, John Welte

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Huber at 7:00 PM.

Secretary's Report.

Minutes from last month's meeting were submitted by Secretary Dianne Glick via e-mail. No additions or corrections were offered. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Mark, seconded by Dennis, passed.

Dennis agreed to keep minutes for this meeting.

President's Report:

Becky announced her resignation from the board due to family needs, effective tonight. She has two years remaining in her term.

Becky recommended Larry LaBrier be appointed to the board to fill her board position. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Debbie, passed.

We have to fill other open board positions due to resignations of Dianne Glick and Linda Siebert, both effective October 9. Each position has one year remaining. We have 90 days from October 9 to replace these positions which means replacements need to be elected at the December board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeff Kopolow has completed his third term on the board and was not present. Jeff submitted his final report by e-mail earlier this week. Jeff also reported the spreadsheet used to record finances was lost due to his Excel program crashing. Lee volunteered to work with Jeff to try to recover the spreadsheet.

Fall Sectional

Becky reported that Mike Carmen had reported that the Fall Sectional lost approximately \$2300 to lower table counts (-\$1500) and higher director fees (+\$600.) I/N participation is way down despite efforts to get them to participate.

Winter Sectional

Debbie reported that the flyer and postcard for the sectional had to be finalized this month to meet Rick Beye's board preparation needs. ACBL has not approved the flyer yet, but Debbie advised that since the event has not changed from the fall, approval of the flyer should be automatic. The flyer and postcard will be released for printing.

Debbie reported that Phyllis Siegel has agreed to handle Partnership for the Winter Sectional.

Committee Reports

Awards: Mark reported sufficient inventory for upcoming events.

Bidding Boxes: John was absent so no report.

Datebook: Dennis. The 2019 Datebook was delivered to the clubs for distribution the week before the October Sectional.

District: Debbie reported the next NAP Finals will be in Springfield, Illinois.

Communications: No report.

Membership: Jay submitted the membership report by e-mail. He is mailing new member packets out this week.

Publicity: Estella reported the flyer and postcard are ready for printing but don't have ACBL approval yet. Debbie advised that the event details are the same as the previous sectional so approval should be automatic. Debbie recommended the materials be released to the printer.

Unit Games: Mark had no report. Debbie suggested the board's standing rules be revised to require unit games not be scheduled on the same evenings as the unit board meeting, so as to allow board members to fully participate in the unit games. Debbie will submit a motion regarding this by e-mail. Dennis reported that no such conflicts appear in 2019.

Website: Terry has met with Mary Dolan to begin the transition. Terri needs bios and photos of new board members. Terri will take primary responsibility for the website, with John assisting.

New Business:

Becky's one-year term as president is over as of this meeting. She is also resigning from the board, so the president job is open. Becky called for nominations for President. Lee nominated Mark Boswell, Dennis seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Mark was elected new president.

Mark then assumed leadership of the meeting.

Mark called for nominations for Vice President. Dennis nominated Debbie, Estella seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Debbie was elected new vice president.

Mark called for nominations for Treasurer. Becky nominated Larry LaBrier, Dennis seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Larry was elected new treasurer.

Mark asked that he be contacted by telephone or text, not e-mail, as he does not routinely check e-mail. Tel 314-616-2940. His e-mail is Mark.Ward,Boswell@gmail.com.

Mark announced he wants the board to focus on expanding bridge in St Louis. He appointed Debbie chairman of a new committee called Outreach. He requested each board member submit two or three suggestions for this initiative to Debbie prior to the next board meeting. He also said each board member will be asked to report each month on what they have done in furtherance of this goal. Mark also reported that he planned to invite new members to his home each month to welcome them to the bridge community and to play some social bridge.

The next meeting will be December 12. This is traditionally a holiday party. Mark will communicate his party plans to the board by e-mail.

Mark called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Lee, seconded by Dennis, approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln, November 15, 2018. Revised Nov 19, 2018.