

Minutes for Board Meeting, September 20, 2017 ACBL Unit 143 Board of Directors	
<p>Attendees: Becky Hubert, President; Dianne Glick, Secretary; Mark Boswell, Vice President; Lee Hastings; Linda Seibert; George Hawley; Mary Dolan; John Antognoli; Karen Erlanger Absentees: Jeff Kopolow, Mark Ziegelman and Jay Shah</p>	
<p>President Hubert called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Minutes of the July meeting were approved for posting. Lee Hastings moved to approve minutes, seconded by John Antognoli. President's Report: Becky brought forward the question as to whether we should raise limit of IN to 299 as opposed to 199 in all tournaments. The Regional had low 199 attendees. Dianne Glick so moved and Karen Erlanger seconded. Motion carried. See Debbie Romero's email regarding online gold point pilot program. Becky gave District 8 report.</p>	
<p>In the absence of Mike Carmen, Becky brought forward discussion of the Regional in August. We had 70 tables less than last year. We did not fulfill room reservation commitment which cost us \$4000. We are in negotiations with hotels trying to get money back. Attendance at District 8 tournaments is also down. Becky and Mike are working once a week to make presentation as to new parts of the program. The October meeting will hear presentation. Mark Boswell and others brought forward several suggestions as to how we can distinguish ourselves and increase attendance at our Regional. These ideas will be discussed fully at the October meeting. The October Sectional was discussed. Becky will go in to talk to IN populations before Sectional. Lee will make survey for IN. Karen will ask Directors to urge attendance by IN populations. Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday night during the Sectional. John is ready to go with bidding boxes. We need Partnership and fragrance signs for the October Sectional. As we need a complete set of signs for tournaments, we may as well buy a complete set. Please email Becky with any suggestions to increase attendance at our tournaments.</p>	
<p>There was no formal Treasurer's report (posted by email), as Jeff Kopolow was absent. In Mark Z's absence, we discussed the 299er tournament scheduled for the 23 and 24 of September. All is ready to go, according to Mark. A signup sheet was passed around for people to help with setup and ending cleanup.</p>	
<p>Awards: George Hawley George has awards for 299er and for October Sectional.</p>	
<p>Date Book: Karen Erlanger Karen has uploaded instructions to DropBox for next person in charge. She had a single copy of 2018 book with her, which Dianne agreed to proof. Ready to go to print so that it will be available at Sectional.</p>	
<p>Education: Lee Hastings Status of the Bridge Camp is in question, as there was major unrest at the last camp. Lee will let the District know about problems.</p>	
<p>Website: Mary Dolan and John Antognoli John will add new Board members to the site. Karen and George will go off the Board, with many thanks for their hard work for the Unit. Current updates will be added, as well as a banner for 299er's.</p>	
<p>Old Business: Diann Barker did a wonderful job on the tables. We have approximately the same number still to do.</p>	
<p>There being no new business, Lee moved to adjourn, seconded by Mark B. Our next meeting will be held on October 11, 2017, at the Creve Coeur Police Headquarters at 7:00 PM.</p>	