

January 17, 2015

The meeting of the Board of directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was called to order by President MaryAnn Boardman at 6:30 on January 17, 2015. Members present were MaryAnn Boardman, Dixey Horsey, Jim Jurgenson, Tom Flanders, Michelle Feeney, Joe Pieper, Secretary/ treasurer Gary Edwards, and guests Carol Whities and Bob Otto. Members absent were Wyn Seeley, Janee Oleson, and the open position from Area 2, the Dubuque –Quad City area.

Joe added three items to the agenda under the Tournament Committee report. Dixie moved, Tom seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Tom moved, Michelle seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the August 30, 2014 meeting in Hills, with the notes provided by Joe as an addendum. The motion carried.

Michelle moved motion 15001B, Tom seconded, to appoint Carol Whiteis to the Board from Area 4, the Iowa City area. The motion carried.

In the Financial Report, Gary said that the transition from Bill Kent was going smoothly. The Westbank checking account has been transferred, and the Waddell and Reed account will be moved soon. Jim Jurgenson has been given the necessary information to perform the 2014 audit.

Gary presented financial summaries from the Hills, Dubuque, Davenport and Waterloo Sectionals, as well as the 2014 Tournament summary and the year end income – expense report. These had been prepared by Bill Kent. The loss for the year was \$3370.82, leaving a balance in the two accounts of \$17, 879.22. Most of this loss was incurred because the Coralville Regional lost \$3311.33.

Gary also handed out a spread sheet showing a summary of the free plays given at 2014 Sectionals and the Regional. The President and Secretary/Treasurer get free plays at all Unit 163 tournaments. This amounted to \$648 for Sectionals and \$299 for the Regional. Sectional free plays totaled \$1260, for chairpersons and helpers, as well as Hall of Fame members. Hall of Fame members are allowed 6 free plays in Sectionals per year, and 2 free plays in Unit 163 Regionals. The 19 living Hall Of Fame members used 44 entries to Sectionals and 10 entries for the Regional, for a total cost of \$482. Tom moved, Carol seconded a motion to accept the Financial report. The motion carried.

Gary presented the 2015 budget. After discussion about the Secretary/Treasurers salary, \$1000 was added to the budget for the Secretary/Treasurers salary. Dixie moved motion 15002F, Tom seconded a motion to approve the budget. The motion carried. The Finance was asked to work on a recommendation for the Secretary/Treasurer's

salary, and to develop a policy for storage and transportation of tables, and to review the policy and by-laws for free plays.

The Board thanked Bill Kent for his many years of service on the Board, including 10 years as Secretary/ Treasurer. Bill has agreed to remain active as historian and archivist , and has retained possession of the Unit tournament records dating back to the 1960's.

MaryAnn passed out a report on the functions of committees and a list of committee members. She reminded everyone to ask snow birds to retain their membership in Unit 163 even though they were going away for the winter. This maximizes Unit 163 membership numbers and therefor the amount of ACBL dues that return to Unit 163. MaryAnn also handed out a GNT and NAP contact list. Dixie moved motion 15003B, Michelle seconded to accept the new functions of committees report. The motion carried. Recognition of milestones is now included under Membership Committee responsibilities, as well as sending new member welcome letters.

MaryAnn handed out a complete club list for Unit 163. There was not sufficient time for club reports and discussion, but MaryAnn will compile all the material she is receiving from area reps , and will email the report to Board members. A report passed out a report on youth bridge in Mt. Pleasant, a preliminary proposal for charity events in 2015 by Phil Cummins, and an update on the ACBL privacy policy. Dixie provided the 2015 calendar. The Board thanked her for her ongoing efforts on this project, and favorable mention was made indicating how useful this document will be as a guide for the Board's planning throughout the year.

Joe gave the Law Committee report Tom moved, Jim seconded motion 15004L to adopt the proposal for recording and judging conduct and ethics complaints in Unit 163. The motion passed. MaryAnn Boardman will be the Unit Recorder. Joe will post "Procedures for recording and judging conduct and ethics complaints in Unit 163" on the Unit website and inform club owners of this policy.

Tom moved, Jim seconded motion 15005L to enable voting on Unit 163 motions by email. Dixie said this needed to be in the by laws, not in the policies. Gary questioned the legality of email voting, based on research he has done. Tom questioned what a non-controversial motion might be. The motion failed.

Dixie moved, Carol seconded motion 15006L to research with ACBL counsel whether electronic voting is allowable and whether it requires a change in by-laws. The motion carried.

Michelle moved, Jim seconded motion 15007L to adopt a system to record motions made in Board meetings. Routine matters would not be covered in this system. Control numbers will be assigned using a code with the first two numbers representing the year the next three numbers representing the sequence of motions made in a calendar year, and the final letter referring to the Committee or Board as a whole from where the motion originated. The motion carried.

MaryAnn gave the membership report. She will confirm if 2016 is the year that Unit 163 selects the District charity and receives funds for that charity. She also asked the finance Committee to evaluate the reduced rate policy for students. Janee will be the new chairperson for the Membership Committee.

Joe presented the Tournament Committee report. Gary apologized for not printing the report for Board members. Four dates have changed for 2015. The Davenport I Sectional is now February 13 – 15, Hills I is now March 20 – 22, NLM is June 6 – 7 in Waterloo, and Hills II is now September 4 – 6. The NLM Sectional will be held in Waterloo on June 6 – 7, 2015. Janee Oleson will be Chairperson.

Tom moved, Jim seconded motion 15008T to not have a split regional with Fargo in odd numbered years. The motion carried. Joe will notify Rosella Vanek of the Board's decision.

Tom moved, Carol seconded motion 15009T to set starting times for Friday Sectionals at either 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The tournament chairperson will seek input from local players to gauge their preference. The motion carried.

Michelle moved, Dixie seconded motion 15010T to move the Special Events Coordinator position to the Tournament Committee. The motion carried. Tom Flanders will be the Special Events Coordinator.

Gary has received a proposal from the Marriott in Coralville for the June 27, 2016 to July 3, 2016 Regional. This was the site of the 2014 Regional. It was the consensus of the Board to continue negotiations with the Coralville Marriott. Gary stressed that this is a Unit 163 Regional, and would expect assistance from all Board members, club managers, and Unit 163 players to ensure excellent attendance.

Bob Otto presented material about the 24 authorized Unit games for 2015. Tom will have a schedule for club managers within two weeks. It was agreed that we would have no Unit wide Games this year because of the complexity of running them, but we may consider them in the future. The Board gave Tom the authority to schedule the Unit games for 2015. The Board also asked Tom to contact all club owners and managers with information on Unit Championship, NAP and GNT information. The Board thanked Bob for his assistance.

The ACBL has a new Privacy Policy, required by federal law. The distribution of ACBL member's personal information is now limited. Only the Unit 163 electronic contact person, Gary Edwards, and club managers can receive member information.

Bob Otto led a discussion of the yearly "Top 25" competition for the most master points won in Unit 163 Sectionals. He felt that it is unfair to include points won in pair/team events unless players can select their team mates. Dixie moved, Michelle seconded motion 15011B to remove the points won in randomly assigned pair/team games from the "Top 25" competition. The motion carried on a 3-2 vote.

The Board will have 4 meetings in 2015. They will be in Waterloo I, Hills II, and Davenport II.

Michelle moved, Dixie seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Edwards