

Unit 163 Board of Directors Meeting

May 6, 2017, in Mason City, Iowa

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was held at Music Man Hall in Mason City on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Members present were MaryAnn Boardman, Gary Edwards, Joe Pieper, Vickki Shelley, Tom Flanders, and Melissa Heston. Members absent were Janee Oleson, Wyn Seeley, Rob Apel, Martha Peterson and Carol Whiteis.

President MaryAnn Boardman called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Melissa moved, Tom seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

After several minor changes, Tom moved, Michelle seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2017 meeting. The motion carried. The revised minutes will be posted on the web site.

Gary gave the financial report. A corrected 2016 balance sheet was given to board members.

The Cedar Rapids Sectional lost \$267, Davenport lost \$575, Mt. Pleasant lost \$601, and the Awards Game lost \$59. Hills made \$355. Total loss for the first three months of 2017 was \$2361. The checking balance is \$16,378.79. Tom moved, MaryAnn seconded a motion to accept the financial report. The motion carried.

Vickki moved, Melissa seconded motion 17005B, to accept the 2015 audit, which was done by Bonnie Stettler. The motion carried. A copy of the audit letter was provided to the board.

MaryAnn moved, Melissa seconded motion 17006B, to acknowledge filing of the 990-EZ form with the IRS to maintain the non-profit status of Unit 163. The motion carried. Documentation to the board was provided.

A list of committee members was provided. This list will be posted.

Joe gave the tournament committee report. Joe moved, Melissa seconded motion 17007T to increase the entry fee to \$9 per session for Regionally Rated Charity games at Unit 163 Sectionals. The motion failed. The board considered changing Unit 163 policy to require or encourage Regionally Rated games. This will go back to committee.

Vickki reported on STaC games. District 14 will be permitted to hold these games June 19 – 25, 2017. Tournament Coordinator Vickki Shelley will send out a Pianola email blast to players, and encourage club managers to hold these games. Vickki handed out a "Save the Dates" flyer for remaining 2017 Unit 163 Sectionals. She has also started work on organizing the 2018 Sectional schedule. Tournament chairs should be recruited by June 30, 2017. She will ask area reps and club managers about local interest in continuing or modifying tournament schedules, including how many tournaments each area wants to hold and whether they want to consider changing the scheduled events or shortening the schedule to two days, perhaps Friday and Saturday. Specific Directors wanted should also be identified and reported to Peter Wilke.

Vickki will also explore a standardized flyer format.

MaryAnn discussed charity grants available from District 14 by way of the ACBL Charity Foundation. \$30,000 is available to District 14 in 2017. MaryAnn has already applied for a grant for our unit charity, multiple myeloma. She will check to make sure our grant request is being considered. Gary will explore whether Mt. Pleasant Youth Bridge is eligible for a grant.

In the communications committee report, MaryAnn will call club managers to discuss what issues Unit 163 can help with, and provide information on special events and opportunities for clubs to offer enhanced master point games.

The finance committee was asked to explore the possibility of purchasing additional bidding boxes.

The Hall Of Fame committee, consisting of Joe, Janee, Carol Whiteis, MaryAnn and Gary, needs to meet to select 5 nominees for the board to vote on later this year. It was pointed out that the Hall Of Fame Policy section of the by-laws needs to be updated. Bill Kent has offered to develop information sheets on HOF candidates.

In the membership committee report, Vicki presented several ideas to encourage new members, as well as encouraging lapsed members to rejoin the ACBL. She has started a limited point game on Monday in Davenport.

The NLM Sectional will be held in Cedar Rapids on June 11-12. All board members are encouraged to recruit players.

The 2018 Awards Game will be moved to March to encourage greater participation.

The Longest Day charity event will be held in Cedar Rapids on June 21, 2017. Other sites may also hold events.

Three table covers were made by Martha Peterson. They were used at the Hills Sectional. No decision was made about having more of them made. They cost between \$16 and \$20 each.

Gary moved, MaryAnn seconded motion 17008B to accept Wyn Seeley's resignation from the board. The motion carried. The board thanked Wyn for her service to the bridge community.

Tom moved, Joe seconded motion 17009B to appoint Carol Panzer to the Board of Directors from the Iowa City area. The motion carried.

Joe moved, MaryAnn seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Gary Edwards, Secretary