

Unit 163 Board of Directors Meeting

October 21, 2017, in Davenport, Iowa

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was held at the Isaak Walton League building in Davenport Iowa on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Members present were Janee Oleson, Martha Peterson, Vickki Shelley, MaryAnn Boardman, Joe Pieper, Rob Apel, Carol Panzer, Carol Whiteis, Tom Flanders, and Gary Edwards. Member absent was Melissa Heston.

President MaryAnn Boardman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Joe moved, Carol P. seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

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Gary gave the financial report. Hills made \$574.58, Dubuque lost \$179.48. Unit 163 subsidies for 2016 – 2017 Grand National Teams amounted to \$400.50 for 28 games with 178 tables. Unit subsidies for 2017 North American Pairs was \$1220 for 35 games with 244 tables. The ending West Bank balance is \$14,338.84, as of October 1, 2017. Joe moved, MaryAnn seconded a motion to accept the financial report, pending reconciliation of the GNT subsidy and the GNT Fund Raiser Games with Mike Casell. The motion carried.

Carol W. moved, Tom seconded motion 17011M to cancel the Hall Of Fame process for 2017. The motion failed.

Vickki moved, Carol W. seconded motion 17012M to have the Membership Committee revise the procedure for selecting Hall Of Fame members. The motion carried. The goal is to have a policy ready for the Board to discuss and vote on by the January 2018 Board meeting.

Joe moved, Carol W. seconded motion 17013B to allow a committee of Carol Whiteis, Carol Panzer, Vickki Shelley, and Gary Edwards to finalize and submit a Regional schedule to the District 14 Regional Schedule Committee. The motion carried. A major concern of the Regional Schedule Committee is to ensure that a team game is available at each session for the traveling teams to play in.

Janee moved, Martha seconded motion 17014B to raise the Regional entry fee from \$13 to \$14. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the Sectional photo policy. It was decided that the local Sectional committee should be responsible for taking photos and sending them, with identification, to the web master.

The Finance Committee or the Laws Committee was asked to revise the policy on payments for attending District 14 Board meetings. A written report, focusing on Unit 163 issues, will be required within two weeks of the meeting for payment to be made for attendance.

The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations has undergone a substantial update and revision. The Law Committee should review this policy, with the assistance of the ACBL and District 14, and update the Unit 163 Disciplinary Policy as needed.

Tom moved, MaryAnn seconded motion 17015B to pay Bob Otto \$600 for 15 sets of bidding boxes. The motion carried.

MaryAnn prepared yearly summaries for the five committees. Included were successes, concerns, and suggestions for the committees to work on. Each committee should strive to hold two committee meetings per year, with agendas, action stages, and motions for the Board as necessary.

Gary talked about the ACBL's "Big Ideas" concept, which identifies 10 areas of concern for the ACBL. This was developed by the ACBL Board of Directors and the ACBL staff, and will be discussed at the next National Tournament in San Diego. One proposal suggests limiting Regionals to two per year per District, and eliminating Sectional entirely. Regionals and Sectionals would then be incorporated into the club structure, similar to the STaC (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) concept.

The Davenport – Dubuque area needs a Board representative to replace Joe Pieper, who is retiring from the Board.

Joe Pieper was presented a framed certificate of appreciation for service to the Unit 163 Board.

Joe moved, Carol W. seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Gary Edwards, Secretary

The Organizational meeting followed the regular meeting.

MaryAnn Boardman was nominated for President, Janee Oleson was nominated for Vice-President, and Gary Edwards was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. No one else was nominated. They were elected by acclamation.