

## Board Meeting of Unit 163 of the ACBL

Saturday, August 27, 2016, Hills, Iowa

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was held at the Hills Community Center on Saturday, August 27, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President MaryAnn Boardman at 1:50 p.m. Members present were Janee Oleson, Tom Flanders, Melissa Heston, Joe Pieper, Carol Whiteis, MaryAnn Boardman, Martha Peterson, Wyn Seeley, and Gary Edwards. Members absent were Rob Apel and Michelle Feeney.

After adding "NLM Sectional in Waterloo-Cedar Falls" under Tournament Committee, and "Unit liability" to the financial report, Tom moved, Janee seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Melissa moved, Janee seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2016 and July 15, 2016 meetings. The motion carried.

MaryAnn offered a President's Challenge to increase Sectional attendance by 10% over the average attendance of the last three years. Sectionals who achieve this level will receive a party at a local club, sponsored by the Membership Committee.

Gary gave the Financial Report. The Waterloo Sectional made a small profit, even with a 49 table count, because of a substantial donation and a one session rebate of fees by the director. The Cedar Falls NLM made a nice profit due to low expenses. The Cedar Rapids summer sectional had an \$800 profit and 116 tables. The Coralville Regional increased the table count from 400 in 2014 to 517 in 2016, and turned a \$3311 loss into a \$5289 profit. The total gain for the period from April 30 to August 25 was \$5894. Joe moved, Carol seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report. The motion carried.

Melissa gave the Law Committee report. After a long discussion, Tom moved motion 16013L, seconded by Janee to keep the Hall of Fame process as outlined in the Policy Manual, and to be more judicious in following that policy. The motion carried. The Law Committee will consider modifications to the Hall of Fame policy.

MaryAnn gave the Membership Committee report. Melissa moved, Carol seconded motion 16014M, to make the Awards Game, to be held on the last Saturday in February, a regular part of the tournament schedule. The motion carried. Gary moved, Wyn seconded motion 16015M, to approve one ACBL and one Unit Charity game in each October. The motion carried. Unit 163 will cover ACBL charity fees and provide information to clubs. Each club will be encouraged to hold one charity game per year for our local Multiple Myeloma charity. October will be a special month to raise funds for Multiple Myeloma. The Membership Committee will make suggestions and pay for ½ of the cost of any fund raising effort. This would be a good time for clubs to have their second charity event.

Joe gave the Tournament Committee report. Local reps are reminded that if they have not identified a tournament chair by 4 months prior to the tournament, their sanction will be cancelled.

Melissa moved, MaryAnn seconded a motion to move motion 16006T from the table to the floor. The motion carried. This motion would raise Sectional entry fees from \$8 to \$9, effective January 1, 2017. The motion was defeated.

Donna Lombardini, a certified ACBL Director, and Jade Barrett asked for board approval to hold an ACBL sanctioned NLM tournament on September 13 – 14, 2016 in Waterloo – Cedar Falls. Davenport is also being considered. Unit 163 would receive 30% of the profits. A teaching session would be offered. Melissa moved, Carol seconded motion 16016T to allow this tournament at a time and place to be determined. The motion carried. Melissa and Janee will coordinate this tournament.

Gary gave the Finance Committee report. Melissa moved, Janee seconded motion 16017F, to allow Gary to dispose of the oldest card tables. The motion carried. Those tables now in the possession of Unit clubs will become their property. Gary will make arrangements to borrow tables as needed for future tournaments.

Melissa moved, Janee seconded a motion to table motion 16018F, which would require Directors to use ACBL hand records, duplicate all boards, and provide hand records at all Unit 163 Sectionals. The motion carried.

Unit liability for insurance and bonding were not discussed.

Gary went over the spread sheet detailing proposals for the June 26 – July 1, 2018 Regional. Proposals from the downtown Hilton, Longbranch, and Clarion were received from Cedar Rapids. Proposals from the Clarion North Dodge, Radisson [Coralville], and Vetro – Sheraton [downtown] were received from Iowa City-Coralville. A proposal from the Marriott in Coralville is expected.

The board thanked Wyn for providing lunch.

The board members are reminded to replace the old District 14 Policies with the new June 2016 Policies included in the board packet.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Gary Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer