

Unit 163 of the ACBL Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 2015 held in Davenport, Iowa

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was held at the La Quinta Inn in Davenport on Saturday, October 17, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President MaryAnn Boardman at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Janee Oleson, MaryAnn Boardman, Dixie Horsey, Joe Pieper, Tom Flanders, Michelle Feeney and Gary Edwards. Members absent were Jim Jurgenson, Wyn Seeley and Carol Whiteis. Also present were Martha Peterson and Melissa Heston.

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

Tom moved, Dixie seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2015 meeting. The motion carried.

Gary gave the financial report. Hills made \$536, Dubuque lost \$342, and reimbursement of \$870 was made to clubs that held North American Pair games in June, July and August. \$1465 was received for membership reimbursement from the ACBL. Gain for the six week period since the last report was \$536, Loss for the year to date is \$828. The balance in West Bank is \$17,356. It was mentioned that snow birds should be asked to retain their membership in Unit 163 when they go south for the winter. This will maximize the ACBL reimbursement to the Unit. We will try to determine the correct method for doing this. Tom moved, Michelle seconded a motion to accept the financial report. The motion carried.

Joe gave the Law Committee report. After discussion, Joe moved, Dixie seconded Motion 15029B to change Section 7.3 of the bylaws from "one fiscal year" to "approximately one year". This clarifies the terms of members and officers to be consistent with the proposed change to section 6.7 which will be voted on at the Membership meeting on October 18, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

A Membership meeting will be held on Sunday morning, October 18, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. to present the revised bylaws to the membership for approval. Joe will explain the process and the proposed changes.

Joe explained the revised disciplinary process. The complaint procedure that necessitates forming a disciplinary committee is only applicable at Unit 163 tournaments or special club games [NAP, GNT, Unit championships, STaC, or ACBL wide games]. When a formal complaint is filed at one of these events, the disciplinary process is started. A charging party [an individual] is chosen and acts as an intermediary between the subject of the complaint and the disciplinary committee. MaryAnn discussed her conversations with the club owners and managers in Unit 163. She further defined the role of the Recorder. Each club manager at club sponsored games is solely responsible for addressing complaints and disciplining offenders. They may not ask for a disciplinary committee for these regular games. They should report these infractions to the Recorder. The Recorder can decide to save these complaints in a confidential file or investigate further, meeting with the offender, the reporter, and witnesses. Although the Recorder does not request a disciplinary committee for regular club games, once the incident is investigated, and a charge made, the Recorder contacts the ACBL Recorder, and a report of the infraction is filed with the ACBL. The Board thanked Joe and MaryAnn for the work they have done to clarify these issues. Joe moved, Michelle seconded motion 15030L to approve the Unit 163 Recording and Disciplinary Procedure. The motion carried. The procedure will be posted on the web site under "Governance". Joe reminded the Board that a new Laws Committee chair is needed.

MaryAnn gave the membership committee report. The membership committee will send out informational Club Care packets to promote various topics, such as the web site, discipline and zero tolerance, special games, charity games, membership advantages and educational opportunities. Tom moved motion 15031M, Janee seconded, to schedule a two-session awards tournament at Glovik Hall in Cedar Rapids to honor Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners. MaryAnn and Joe will find a suitable date. The motion carried. Golden Age awards will also be explored. Joe mentioned that we need a plaque for the Hall of Fame members, as our policies require that we maintain and display such an award. Joe suggested that the Membership Committee should also establish a plaque for "Top 25" winners. Discussion of NLM participation in Unit 163 Sectionals was held. It was agreed that this should be a priority for 2016.

Joe gave the tournament committee report. Several 2016 Sectionals still need to have tournament chairs appointed. Discussion on moving the Hills Fall Sectional up one week was held. This would avoid conflict with an Iowa home football game. MaryAnn has started work on a Unit 163 Special Events Guide for club managers. The tournament committee will also explore standardized starting times for Friday, and will consider starting times of 10 and 3 for Friday Sectionals.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Gary Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer