

Unit 163 Board Meeting

January 21, 2017, at Glovik Hall, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was held at Glovik Hall in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Members present were Rob Apel, Tom Flanders, Janee Oleson, Martha Peterson, Michelle Feeney, Carol Whiteis, MaryAnn Boardman, and Gary Edwards. Absent were Wyn Seeley, Joe Pieper, and Melissa Heston. Also present was Vickki Shelley.

President MaryAnn Boardman called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

After adding "the responsibility of Hall of Fame" to the second paragraph after "After changing", Tom moved, Martha seconded approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2016 minutes. The motion carried.

Two items were added to the agenda under new business.

1. Accept resignation of Michelle Feeney from board.
2. Appoint Vickki Shelley to the board of directors from the Davenport – Dubuque-Clinton area.

Tom moved, Martha seconded a motion to approve the agenda as modified. The motion carried.

Gary gave the financial report.

Davenport and Cedar Falls each lost over \$160 on their Sectional.

Gary presented the 2016 Financial Report. The beginning balance at West Bank was \$15,292.43. The ending balance was \$19,677.64. The 10 Sectionals, 2 NLM Sectionals, and the Awards Game made about \$2000, the Coralville Regional made \$5289, and ACBL membership reimbursement was \$1657. Unusual expenses were \$375 for the purchase of bidding boxes and buying supplies for the Sectional tournaments, which cost \$600.

More work needs to be done to balance the income statement.

Tom moved, Carol seconded motion 17001F to accept the 2016 financial report. The motion carried.

Committee assignments were discussed. Chairpersons will be Janee Oleson, Membership; Rob Apel, Finance; Melissa Heston, Laws; Joe Pieper, Tournament; and Carol Whiteis, Communications. Vickki Shelley will be Tournament Coordinator. Committee chairs and members will be posted on the web site.

MaryAnn gave the Tournament Committee report. A schedule of all Unit 163 Sectionals for 2017 was distributed. MaryAnn prepared a schedule for Unit Championship Games for 2017, and asked board members to encourage local clubs to schedule these games, as they are the lowest cost enhanced master point games available. GNP and NAP should also be encouraged, as they are subsidized by Unit 163. Unit 163 charity games will be held at the Awards Game and banquet at Glovik Hall on February 25, 2017, (one session only), and during the month of October to benefit the Unit 163 designated charity, multiple myeloma.

There has been some confusion about the charity for the Regionally Rated Charity Games held at as many as two sessions for each sectional. The designated charity must be an ACBL charity. A local charity may be added, if desired, but cannot be paid for with funds from the tournament.

“Pairs and teams will be stratified by the average number of points of the players” should be added to all Unit 163 flyers.

Gary noted that Mason City is hosting a combined Sectional / GNT Final for District 14. This has the potential to be a big money maker for Unit 163 on a recurring basis, but only if Unit 163 players heavily support the event.

The 2017 calendar was handed out.

A contract for the 2018 Regional June 25 – July 1, 2018, has been signed with the Radisson in Coralville. Gary Edwards is chairperson, Carol Whiteis is the partnership chairperson.

A communications report was distributed. Carol Panzer would like timely pictures of winners from all Sectionals. MaryAnn would like a pocket sized calendar developed to hand out to Unit 163 players. The web site is excellent.

During the Finance /committee report, Tom moved, Carol seconded motion 17002F to approve the 2017 budget. The motion carried.

Gary discussed trip subsidies for NAP winners. \$500 is currently allocated, to be divided by trip winners.

Martha discussed alternatives and costs for table covers, with the goal of cutting down noise. The board encouraged Martha to make several samples.

MaryAnn gave the Membership Committee report. She reminded members of the President’s Challenge, which awards a party to each Sectional which increases attendance 10% over the last three year’s average. The Awards Game and Banquet is February 25, 2017 at Glovik Hall. Board members should encourage all members, especially Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners, to attend. The NLM Sectional is June 10-11, 2017 in Cedar Rapids. MaryAnn passed out buttons that she had had made for milestone makers. Area representatives were reminded to personally congratulate players as they advance through the ranks.

Tom moved, Janee seconded motion 17003B, to accept Michelle Feeney’s resignation from the board. The motion carried.

Tom moved, MaryAnn seconded motion 17004B, to appoint Vickki Shelley to the Board from the Davenport and Dubuque area. The motion carried.

Rob moved, Tom seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Gary Edwards, secretary