

Unit 163 Board of Directors Meeting

September 5, 2015 Hills, Iowa

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was held at the Hills Community Center on Saturday, September 5, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by President MaryAnn Boardman at 1:45 p.m. Members present were MaryAnn Boardman, Dixey Horsey, Carol Whiteis, Michelle Feeney, Janee Oleson, Wyn Seeley, Joe Pieper, Tom Flanders, and Gary Edwards. Absent was Jim Jurgenson.

After adding "establishing a club newsletter" to new business, Carol moved, Janee seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Phil Cummins offered a handout and gave a charity report. Unit 163 clubs must hold an ACBL approved charity event before that club can hold a charity game to support a local charity or a non ACBL charity. In 2016, no charity games are allowed in January, April, May or September. Phil reminded the Board that in 2017 District 14 will be eligible to receive funds from the ACBL Charity Fund. The Board needs to select a Coordinator to help club managers schedule Charity Games.

Joe moved, Tom seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2015 and the July 18, 2015 meetings. The motion carried.

Gary gave the Financial Report. The Waddell and Reed account has been closed, and the money transferred to the West Bank account. That account now has over \$16,000 in it. Gary is still looking for investment opportunities. Tom moved, Dixie seconded a motion to accept the Financial Report. The motion carried.

Joe gave the Law Committee report. There will be a Unit 163 Membership meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2015, at the Davenport Sectional. The purpose of the meeting is to get membership approval of the proposed by-laws. The analysis of the by-law changes and proposed new by-laws are posted on the web site. Carol Panzer has informed the members.

Joe discussed the Disciplinary Committee meeting held on Saturday, September 4, 2015. Jim Knapp, ACBL member M893271, was admitted guilty on two of the three charges filed against him as a result of an incident at the Cedar Rapids Sectional on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Mr. Knapp was suspended for two 90 day terms, with the sentences to run consecutively, starting on September 15, 2015, and ending on March 12, 2016. The sentence was suspended due to extenuating circumstances. A report will be sent to the ACBL, and to all Unit 163 club managers. Any further potential violations will be sent to the Unit 163 Recorder, MaryAnn Boardman. If the recorder concludes that Mr. Knapp's behavior violated the terms of his probation, he will be suspended for the remainder of his probationary period, or 90 days, whichever is greater. MaryAnn gave Joe the form to be used for the report to the ACBL. The Disciplinary Committee discussion is confidential, but the discipline is public information.

This disciplinary case revealed a need to modify the Unit 163 Recording and Disciplinary Procedure. The changes and clarifications needed: [1] The disciplinary committee is not formed for conduct or ethical incidents that occur at clubs. Club Directors have the right to discipline or ban any member at any time for any reason. [2] The recorder procedure needs to require club managers to report ethical or

behavioral incidents to the Unit Recorder to establish a file on any given individual. [3] The President of Unit 163 will also be the Recorder to foster confidentiality. [4] All files will be transferred to the new Recorder. [5] The charging party will fully explain the process to the accused when the Recorder refers the complaint to the Disciplinary Committee.

The Board thanked Joe for handling this issue, and for clarifying the procedure for the Board.

Joe asked for a volunteer to chair the Law Committee after the Davenport meeting.

MaryAnn reported that Unit 163 now has 487 members, and reminded the Board to follow up on unpaid or delinquent members, and to offer congratulations for rank changes.

In the Tournament Committee report, Joe reminded Board members to continue to find chairpersons for the 2016 Sectionals. Janee and Joe will find a new date for the Spring Waterloo Sectional. Janee volunteered to host the 2016 NLM tournament in 2016 in Waterloo. She and Joe will coordinate to determine an appropriate date and to get a sanction from the ACBL.

MaryAnn agreed to be the Special Events Coordinator.

Janee moved motion 15027B, Carol seconded, to rescind motion 15011, which states that masterpoints won in the "team" portion of the pair/team events in Unit 163 Sectionals will not count in the "top 25" competition unless players are allowed to select their own teams. The motion carried.

Janee moved motion 15028B, Dixie seconded, to pay Ron Johnston \$100 as a per diem for directing the Waterloo NLM Sectional. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Gary Edwards, Secretary