

Unit 163 Board Meeting

May 2, 2015 Waterloo

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL met at the Art Institute in Waterloo on May 2, 2015 at 1:38 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President MaryAnn Boardman. Members present were Joe Pieper, Jim Jurgenson, Dixey Horsey, Wyn Seeley, Tom Flanders, MaryAnn Boardman, Janee Oleson and Secretary/Treasurer Gary Edwards. Absent were Michelle Feeney and Carol Whiteis.

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

Dixie moved, Wyn seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2015 meeting. The motion carried.

Gary gave the financial report for the first 4 months of 2015. All 4 Sectionals made a profit. Unit 163 lost a total of \$750.48 due to payment of \$1000 to the Mt. Pleasant Youth Bridge program and payments of \$498 to Unit 163 participants in the NAP Nationals in New Orleans. It was moved by Wyn, seconded by Tom, to approve the financial report. The motion carried.

Joe gave the Law Committee report. The Board passed motion 15006L during the January 2015 Board meeting. The Law Committee voted unanimously to not use email to vote on Board level motions because this practice is contrary to "Open Meeting" rules. This committee action closes motion 15006L. The Law Committee is proposing numerous changes, which will be voted on at a Membership meeting at the Davenport Sectional on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 10 a.m.

The following recommended changes were made to the Board, to be forwarded to the Membership meeting.

It was moved by Joe, seconded by Jim, to approve motion 15012L to add "Unit 163 is organized as a 501(c)(7) non profit" at the end of section 1.1 This clarifies Unit 163's tax status and implies continual maintenance of this status by the Board of Directors The motion carried.

It was moved by Joe, seconded by Jim, to approve motion 15013L, which adds "sexual orientation" to the end of section 3.3 This clarifies Unit 163's commitment to be free of discrimination The motion carried.

It was moved by Joe, seconded by Jim, to approve motion 15014L, which changes "no" to "a" in the third line of section 6.5[e]. This is a grammatical change and implies that the Board will actively attempt to fill open positions. The motion carried.

It was moved by Joe, seconded by Jim, to approve motion 15015L for section 6.7, which allows newly elected officers to take office 2 weeks after their election. The elections are currently effective on January 1 of the following year. The motion carried.

Joe moved, Jim seconded motion 15016L for section 6.9, which changes the definition of quorum from "more than 50%" to "50% or more". This makes it easier to get a quorum. The motion carried.

Joe moved, Jim seconded motion 15017L for section 8.1[a] to add “developing the Board and Membership meeting agenda” to the President’s responsibility. The motion carried.

Joe moved, Jim seconded motion 15018L for section 8.1[c] to clarify that the President is a member of all standing committees. The motion carried.

Joe moved, Jim seconded motion 15019L for section 8.3[b] to make the Secretary/Treasurer responsible to prepare a yearly budget and to ensure that the necessary tax returns are prepared and filed to the IRS in a timely manner. The motion carried.

Joe moved, Jim seconded motion 15020L to correct a grammatical error in section 8.3[f]. This changes the word “make” to “made”. The motion carried.

Joe moved, Jim seconded motion 15021L to make a change to section 10.2 to require a 2/3 super majority vote by the Board of Directors of Unit 163 to forward changes in the by-laws to the membership. The motion carried.

Joe moved, Jim seconded motion 15022L to reduce annual free plays for Hall of Fame members 50% beginning in 2016. That is, from 6 to 3 free plays per year at Unit Sectionals and from 2 to 1 free play at Unit Regionals. If the Board approves this policy revision, the committee also moves that current Hall of Fame members be informed of the possible policy revision and encouraged to provide comments at the last Board meeting in 2015. Final vote of the Board on this policy revision would be after that discussion. This motion was offered as a way to reduce Unit costs. Discussion revealed the annual cost has been reasonable.. The motion failed.

The Board thanked Joe, Dixie , and the Laws Committee for their efforts in revising the by laws.

Wyn confirmed that the Communications Committee is going to revise the “Govenance” section of the web site. There will be a drop down menu for Governance with the following topics: Board members, Standing Committees and members, by laws, policies, Board meeting minutes [newest to oldest], Procedures, Motion log.

Jim moved, Janee seconded motion 15023C to pay Carol Panzer, DBA Prairie Rose Consulting, \$1000 as a one time payment for setting up the new Unit 163 web site. Incidental expenses will also be paid. The motion carried.

Tom gave a report on Special Games, Unit Games, NAP and GNT. The Board asked the Tournament Committee to continue to develop a comprehensive guide for club owners and managers, Special Event Coordinators, and the Secretary/Treasurer, and thanked Tom for the work and clarifications he has already made. The Tournament Committee is expected to have a comprehensive guide ready for Board approval during its Fall meeting.

Joe reminded the board that our policies require that each year five players will be nominated by the Hall of Fame Committee for consideration for election into the Unit 163 Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of the President, the Secretary/ Treasurer, and the three senior representatives on the Board. MaryAnn Boardman and Tom Flanders are the longest serving members. Next is Gary Edwards. Next are Jim Jurgenson, Joe Pieper, and Dixie Horsey. The Committee should be MaryAnn, Gary, Tom and two of the three of Jim, Joe and Dixie. The Committee shall meet as often as it deems

necessary between April 1st and August 1st to determine a list of nominees to be submitted to the Board. Joe suggested that the Secretary/ Treasurer take the lead on forming this nominating committee.

Joe reminded the Board that this is a Board election year. By June 15 the Secretary/ Treasurer will notify Unit 163 members that nominations are in order until July 25. Self nomination is encouraged. If necessary, ballots will be distribute d by October 1.

Gary reported on negotiations with the Coralville Marriott for the June-July 2016 Regional. Tom moved, MaryAnn seconded motion 15024T to give Gary authority to sign a contract with the Marriott for \$7000, which requires 88 rooms to be filled by participants. The motion carried.

The next Board meetings will be September 5, 2015 in Hills and October 17, 2015 in Davenport.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer