

Board meeting of Unit 163 of the ACBL

Friday, March 23, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was held on Friday, March 23, 2018, at the Hills Community Center. Members present were Carol Panzer, Martha Peterson, Melissa Heston, Vickki Shelley, Janee Oleson, Tom Flanders, MaryAnn Boardman, Carol Whiteis, and Gary Edwards. Absent was Rob Apel.

President Maryann Boardman called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Janee moved, Carol W. seconded a motion to approve the January 27, 2018 meeting with minor corrections. The motion carried.

Melissa moved, MaryAnn seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Gary gave the financial report. Cedar Rapids I made \$626.16, Davenport I lost \$484.03, and the Awards Game lost \$25.47. The total donated to Multiple Myeloma was \$470. The year beginning balance at West Bank was \$15,005.47. The balance as of March 20, 2018 was \$15,908.98, with several checks outstanding. The 2016 and 2017 audit material has been delivered to Bonnie Stettler. Carol P. moved Martha seconded a motion to accept the financial report. The motion carried.

Gary provided the board members with an ACBL document which documents a \$1,000,000 General Liability policy for Unit 163 tournaments, and Directors and Officers insurance of \$5,000,000.

The board discussed the new ACBL requirement that players at sanctioned tournaments must be a member or former member before being allowed to play. One month memberships for \$7.99 are available to non-members. Free games, reduced fees for one month memberships, and membership sign ups by tournament chairs or directors were discussed.

Janee discussed progress on the Hall Of Fame process. It was decided to include Bill Forde on this year's list of nominees. The development of a deceased Hall Of Fame procedure will continue.

Martha led a discussion about methods and practicality of handicapping games at tournaments. MaryAnn queried several directors and learned that handicapping at sectionals is not possible. Information about handicapping club games was also provided. It would be the club manager's decision to handicap club games, but was not recommended by the directors who responded to Maryann. The added complications and paper work did not offset a minimal advantage to those handicapped. Regional directors may handicap knock out events at Regionals.

Vickki discussed a proposed Swiss Team policy. The new policy sets out a procedure to standardize all nine table or smaller Swiss team events. This procedure will be provided to each director at each Sectional.

The manager / director appreciation dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at the Coralville Regional, was discussed. Carol P. has done preliminary work for the banquet, and Vickki is developing a list of invitees. The goal is to provide fellowship, discuss common concerns, promote better behavior at clubs, and open lines of communications.

Carol P. and Maryann will continue to work on the etiquette cards for bidding boxes and/or tables.

The 2019 Awards Game will be March 2.

Gary will distribute the Hills II flyers.

Vickki is available to make flyers, or will assist in developing flyers if the tournament chairperson wishes to make their own flyer.

Gary discussed the upcoming District 14 board meetings in Minneapolis on Monday, May 21 and Saturday, May 26. It is his opinion that a forced sharing agreement for the 2020 Unit 163 Regional would be financially unacceptable. He encourages board members to attend either or both of these meetings.

Gary moved, MaryAnn seconded motion 18008B to appoint Gary Petersen to the Unit 163 board from Area 2. The motion carried.

Melissa moved, Carol P. seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Gary Edwards, Secretary