

Unit 163 Board Meeting
July 13, 2019, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was held at St Wenceslaus Church. Members present were Mary Ann Boardman, Melissa Heston, Vickki Shelley, Tom Flanders, Martha Peterson, Carol Panzer, Barbara Wood, Rob Apel, Bill Baum, Diane Sondergard, and Bonnie Stettler.

President Mary Ann Boardman called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M.

Vickki moved and Melissa seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Melissa moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the April 4, 2019 and the June 8th, 2019 meetings. The motion carried.

Rob moved and Tom seconded to motion to approve the treasurer's report. The January CR Sectional and CR IN Gold Rush Regional and Open Sectional each brought in a profit of \$650.37 and \$622.61 respectively. The Awards Banquet and the Mt. Pleasant Sectional lost \$137.40 and \$134.46, respectively. The year-to-date bank balance is \$12,742. The motion carried.

Area representatives were discussed. Diane will currently represent Area 4 and will run to represent it for the next term. Bonnie Kremer will run to represent Area 5. Martha Peterson will run to represent Area 4. Bob Buckheister will run to represent Area 3 (Cedar Rapids). Area 2 will have 3 representatives and an alternate so there will be flexibility in attendance. Bill Baum will be the fourth representative.

Bonnie will restock the tournament supplies, including the boards for swiss teams. Melissa will store and transport the tournament bidding boxes.

There are unit positions to be filled. Carol Panzer volunteered to be the education coordinator. Vickki will also be the GNT and NAOP coordinator. The unfilled positions are publicity chair, hospitality chair, IN coordinator, and charity chair.

The current committee structure is being reviewed. Mary Ann provided a comprehensive guide to the committees which will greatly assist in making decisions. Members are to review and make suggestions at the next meeting at Hills. A suggestion was made to consider having an electronic discussion of the committee report before the Hills meeting.

Bringing in new players is the biggest challenge for the unit. Suggestions included setting up a game for players with less than 1000 points with lessons before the game, teaching at community colleges, and offering pie and coffee. Holding periodic pro/am games, and creating a directory of players in each area were also suggested. Giving out bridge bulletins which can be obtained from ACBL was also suggested. Adhering to the behavior policy was also emphasized.

Vickki provided the proposed tournaments for 2020. The January Cedar Rapids, the February Davenport, and the March Hills tournaments were cancelled. Mt Pleasant was changed to a 2-day tournament on April 17-18. The district I/N sectional location was changed to Clinton. Cedar Falls was changed to a 2-day tournament.

The meeting was concluded at 2:45.

Bonnie Stettler
Sec/Treasurer