

Unit163 Board Meeting

October 16,2021

Zoom

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL was by zoom. Members present: Melissa Heston, Vickki Shelley, Carol Panzer, Martha Peterson, Barbe Wood, Bob Buckheister, Ralph Anderson, and Bonnie Stettler. Ramesh Shah, Chairman of the 2022 regional also attended.

President Melissa Heston called the meeting to order at 11:30AM.

Carol Panzer moved, and Martha Peterson seconded a motion that the agenda be approved. The motion carried.

Bob Buckheister moved, and Carol Panzer seconded that the minutes of the January 20,2021 be approved. The motion carried.

Ramesh reported that he had received the contract for the venue at the Waterloo Center for the Arts for the regional tournament. There was concern that the deposit was to be credited to a future event if the tournament needed to be cancelled. It was suggested that a solution might be to let the Waterloo sectional use that venue, and reimburse the unit. Discussion on the number of table space available and required square feet between tables were deemed to be adequate.

Rooms will be available at the Fairfield Inn for \$89 (\$99 with taxes) which includes a full breakfast.

Jim Jurgenson will be partnership chair. Other committee chairs need to be determined with the board expected to assist. The committee will determine whether there will be player gift bags and refreshment decisions.

Currently vaccines and masks are required, but those will be determined at tournament time.

There will be two directors. Vickki has requested Tony Ames.

Martha moved and Ralph seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Melissa presented the slate of officers for 2022-2024. They are:

President Carol Panzer

Vice President Melissa Heston

Secy/Treasurer Bonnie Stettler

Martha moved, and Vickki seconded that the slate be approved. The motion carried.

Vickki Shelley presented the tournament report. All tournaments for 2021 have been cancelled. Tournaments scheduled for 2022 are:

Mt. Pleasant April 22-24, Waterloo Regional June 29-July2, Cedar Rapids July 8-10, Hills August 26-28, Dubuque Sept 23-25, Davenport Oct 14-16, and Waterloo 4-6.

Some tournaments may be 2-days instead of 3 which will be decided by the local chairman. Currently there is a requirement for face-to-face games to qualify to have sectionals. This may change by next year.

Vickki suggested that some tournament policies need to be adapted. A recommendation to cancel the I/N tournament was proposed because of the close dates to the Cedar Rapids and the regional tournaments.

This was agreed.

Discussion on how to award the Mini-Mckenney resulted in the medals being distributed to clubs to be awarded there.

Storage of the tables was discussed with the recommendation that the prices of storage facilities in and around Cedar Rapids and Iowa City be investigated as only Cedar Rapids, and the Iowa City sectional at Hills use them. It was suggested that a central location for supplies and tables be utilized. Bob moved and Vickki seconded that a motion to get prices on the location for a storage unit be obtained. The motion carried.

Martha 's concern for recruiting new players resulted in the following ideas: Invite social bridge players, invite, friends, give lessons, use Facebook and social media, send out emails and use the ACBL marketing information on the website.

Suggestions were made to continue board meetings by zoom and a proposal to vote by email.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00

Bonnie Stettler

Secretary/Treasurer

Addendum: A motion to continue to store the bridge tables at Dennis Cordle's, and Glovik Hall was passed by the board.

