

## Unit163 Board Meeting

March 5, 2022

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, Nancy Klein, Ralph Anderson, and Bonnie Stettler. Ramesh Shah, Chairman of the 2022 regional also attended. Guest attending were Ramesh Shah and Dash Patel.

President Carol Panzer called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Martha moved, and Melissa seconded a motion that the agenda be approved. The motion carried.

Minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were not available.

The questions of providing supplies for the tournaments was addressed. Nancy moved and Melissa seconded that we use the supplies that are on hand until they are gone, and then have the directors supply them. The motion passed. The bidding boxes and boards will continue to be passed to the next tournament director as we are doing now. Ramesh offered to donate some convention cards for the tournament and the local game in Cedar Falls.

Membership is a continuing concern. Welcoming new members, acknowledging rank achievements, keeping in touch with members, offering lessons, and running a practice game were suggestions to improve membership numbers. Nancy moved and Melissa seconded a motion to reimburse clubs that had documentation of expenses up to \$100 per year for recruitment efforts. The motion carried. Martha reported the events that had taken place in Mt. Pleasant to recruit

members. It was agreed that Bonnie Kremer would be reimbursed \$100 for the Mt. Pleasant dinners for recruitment. Martha had also donated \$100 for the purpose. A report to the board will be required for the reimbursement.

Melissa provided a report that analyzed the members by current area. There was significant discussion about whether areas should be combined and how many representatives should be recruited for each area. The ability to recruit board members is difficult, and the discussion recommended that some flexibility in number of representatives would be acceptable. The basis of the report was that 30 members would allocate one representative.

Ramesh reported on the Waterloo regional tournament. The venue and committees are established. Vickki had arranged for the two directors. Vickki sent out the first pianola to over 5,000 members for the tournament. Advertising should be done by the club managers and Vickki will contact them with the flyer and encourage them to work with their players to attend. New COVID protocol came out March 1, but this will be revisited again by the June tournament. Discussion about pictures at the tournament resulted in a request for a photographer to post the information regarding pictures and take them in a designated area. The district camera is out-of-date so it was suggested that a cell phone would be adequate.

Carol would like to update the committees within the board. She suggested: Finance and by-laws: membership, publicity, and tournaments. Critical areas need to be prioritized. This discussion will be continued at a later date. Vickki suggested that an executive committee review the by-laws, policies and changes to committees.

Ralph asked for assistance in getting information from ACBL. Vickki suggested contacting Nancy Hale at 901 351-6385.

Nancy asked that a member from Cedar Rapids who has made a significant contribution to bridge be recognized. Carol will forward the certificate she has created and Nancy will arrange the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Bonnie Stettler

Secretary/Treasurer