

## Unit163 Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting, August 13. 2002

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL convened at 10:30AM by zoom. Members present: Carol Panzer, Melissa Heston, Vickki Shelley, Martha Peterson, Barbe Wood, Nancy Klein and Bonnie Stettler.

President Carol Panzer called the meeting to order at 10:30

The agenda, minutes, and treasurer's reports were presented and approved. Bonnie noted that no money has been received for the credit card receipts from the regional. Even though the credit card receipts on the director's report was \$532.72, only \$400.16 was sent to the district. The response to as a request to have those funds transferred to the unit resulted in the information that the district treasurer had been banned by the ACBL, and that the district funds were currently frozen. The recommendation to not use the credit card option in the future due to the high charges by ACBL was made.

Vickki reported on tournaments. Des Moines may take the regional next year, but we may still have an I/N regional. Waterloo will host which ever one we get. The flyer for the Waterloo sectional is at ACBL for approval. Other plans for 2023 include no sectionals for January and February. Nancy though that Cedar Rapids might want to change to March to avoid being close to the regional. There were concerns regarding the weather in March. The recommendation was to have tournaments 4-6 weeks apart. There was no further discussion of scheduling for 2023.

The outstanding service award for service for Mary Ann Boardman was approved. She will receive 2 free plays per tournament up to a total of 6 per year. Nancy will look into a plaque or trophy to give her when the

award is presented. The plan is to have the board members attend a Cedar Rapids game for the presentation.

The new policy regarding food was approved. It is as follows:

Homemade treats do not have to be individually wrapped. Serving trays should be covered with plastic wrap and serving utensils provided for each tray. Players may serve themselves using the utensils provided, (no hands). Individually wrapped chips, nuts, etc. can be provided. We encourage meals to be served by volunteers, rather than allow people to serve themselves.

Carol will continue with communications-the website, and the ACBL g-mail account. One-to-one recruitment is still the best way to get new players. Martha suggested reaching out to colleges and universities, and Melissa quoted Bill Kent as encouraging member from retirement communities.

To retain members and recruit new members, all of the board will work on this committee. Education and classes are the important factors in getting new players. There are several programs available to facilitate teaching. The suggestion was made to recruit members outside of the board for both new members and teaching

The membership meeting to approve the changes to the by-laws and policies will be held between sessions Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> between sessions at the Hills tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35

Bonnie Stettler

Secretary/Treasurer