

Unit 163 Board Meeting

Zoom Meeting July 8, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Unit 163 of the ACBL convened at 10:30AM Saturday July 8, 2023 via ZOOM. Members present, Carol Panzer, , Vickki Shelley, Nancy Klein, Bonnie Stettler, Lynda Kuehn, Keith Sutherland, Ralph Anderson.

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

Nancy Klein moved that the Secretary and Treasurer's reports be accepted as published. Lynda Kuehn seconded the motion. No discussion, motion passed. Bonnie reported that the income from the Waterloo tournament was sent to the district instead of the unit. After contacting the district treasurer, he said he would send the money to the unit.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the banning of Jim Knapp from unit events. At an Iowa City club game, Jim lost his temper, beat his cane on the table and behaved in a threatening manner. This caused players to feel threatened and fear for their safety.

Carol has been in contact with ACBL to prepare the correct letter sent to Jim stating he would be banned from Iowa City games due to this incident as well as previous inappropriate behavior regarding, boards played, fees charged, criticism of his partners, cheating, and behavior at director calls. After, the incident, he apologized to each table and asked to be forgiven, realizing he behaved inappropriately. One player felt threatened to the extent that she brought Mace to the subsequent game. He then made numerous phone calls and emails to Carol and John asking to be allowed to play until they blocked his number.

Due to this incident as well as the significant incident at the Cedar Rapids tournament in 2015 where the police had to be called and doors locked to prevent his entry due to his threatening behavior.

He was involved in at least one other incident not related to bridge where his behavior brought charges against him for inappropriate behavior with the police.

Due to ACBL's zero tolerance policy, Bonnie moved that he be banned from all unit 163 events. Individual club manager will need to make their own decision on whether to ban him or not. Keith seconded the motion, and it passed. He has a right to appeal this decision, and that will be dealt with if it occurs. Copy of the letter will also be sent to the district and ACBL.

Mark Patton knows Jim well and has volunteered to be the contact for him.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM

Respectfully submitted

Bonnie Stettler

Sec, Treasurr