

Unit 163 Bridge Meeting
November 9, 2024, Via zoom
Website – bridgeunit163.com

Board Members present: President/Interim Secretary, Maureen Busta; Vice-President, Deb Woodhouse, Treasurer: Bonnie Stettler, Lynda Kuehn, Vickki Shelley, Martha Peterson.

Sending regrets: Keith Sutherland, Penny Gilloon, Carol Panzer

Guests: Mark Patton

Lynda Kuehn motioned, Bonnie seconded to Approve Minutes of September 14th, 2024 meeting

Deb Woodhouse motioned; Vickki Shelley seconded that the Treasurers Report be approved.

Beginning Balance Sept. 2024	\$ 24,826.37	
Income	\$1,067.80	
Expenses		\$25.77
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 25,868.40	

Vickki Shelley motioned to remove from the Table from the September meeting the motion to purchase Bridge Mates that travel from one Tournament to another and are used by local clubs between Tournaments. Vickki motioned, Lynda Kuehn seconded that Bridge Mates are not purchased due to Bridge Mate issues with reconnecting to different servers, storing/transporting the Bridge Mates, maintenance of software, updates of Bridge Mates, unfair to Clubs that already have them, scoring of the games manually is not difficult.

Motion by Deb Woodhouse, seconded by Lynda Kuehn that Unit 163 provides \$1,000.00 to Unit 163 face to face clubs so they can use it to buy what they need whether it is new Bridge mates, new batteries, tables, chairs, shuffler machine, etc. The club manager would have until June 30, 2025, to produce receipts up to \$1,000.00 and no more. Discussion included an unknown number of monies that will be spent on the current 4(5) programs offered by the Unit. These programs are to increase new members. **Motion tabled** until July 2025 when programs will be evaluated for monies spent. Consideration of long-standing members is something to think about for the future.

As per Penny Galloon's request discussion was held regarding securing an estimate of numbers that will be attending our Tournaments this year. This will allow for better planning and a reduction in costs. It was decided that all Club Managers would be contacted prior to purchasing/ordering food for the Tournament. Each Club Manager

would secure the numbers of their players who would be attending the Tournament and would submit that number to the Tournament Chair.

If anyone has suggestions for the Unit Tournament Coordinator Position, please let Maureen know.

Tournament information: June 13th – 14th I/N Regional in Waterloo. Fees for the 2025 Tournament Season are the same as 2024.

Vicki Shelley, Special Games and Special Events Coordinator, will be working with the Club Managers on setting up the Unit Club Championships and Unit Charity Club Championships schedule by December for 2025.

President Busta is continuing to secure Area 5 Representative.

Maureen Busta and Mark Patton reviewed the Boards at the Dubuque Tournament and replaced defective cards/Boards owned by Unit 163. There are 3 sets of Boards/cards that are in excellent condition traveling with the supplies for each Tournament.

In administrating the new programs, a new player who has taken the education courses gets a free play as a new player, as well as free plays for each lesson that was taken.

There are 11 tables stored in Mt. Pleasant to be used for the Mt. Pleasant and Hills Tournaments.

The Area Representatives in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids will be contacted to determine if they would each like to offer a Tournament every year instead of every other year.

Vicki Shelley motioned, Lynda Kuehn seconded that a Unit 163 Awards Ceremony will be held at the most well attended Tournament and then followed up with local Award's Ceremonies for those who were not able to attend the Unit Ceremony. This would include Virtual Ace of Club Awardees, Ace of Clubs Awardees, Mini- McKinney Awardees and those who have increased their ranks during 2025.

Vicki Shelley was recognized for her work and dedication as she leaves the Board.

A Club Managers meeting will be held November 18, 2024. Agenda items include sharing of the programs currently offered to Unit players/keeping track of their success and ways the Unit can help the local Tournament Committees.

Next meeting March 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Busta
Unit 163

All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.