

Unit 163 Bridge

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting minutes 10:00 AM via zoom

Members attending: Maureen Busta, President/Secretary, Deb Woodhouse, Vice-President, Bonnie Stettler, outgoing Treasurer, Nominee Treasurer Keith Sutherland, Penny Gilloon, Martha Peterson, Nominee Jim Jurgenson, Tournament Coordinator.

Sending regrets: Lynda Kuehn

1. Motion by Bonnie Stettler, Second by Deb Woodhouse to approve Minutes of November 9, 2024, Motion passed.
2. Motion by Deb Woodhouse, seconded by Jim Jurgenson to Approve Treasurer's Report Each Club Manager that renewed their Sanctions should have received \$100 from Barclay Baron. Motion passed.
3. Motion by Deb Woodhouse, seconded by Jim Jurgenson to Approve Keith Sutherland, Treasurer to replace Bonnie Stettler. Motion passed.
4. Motion by Penny Gilloon, seconded by Bonnie Stettler, to Approve James Jurgenson, Tournament Coordinator to replace Vickki Shelley. A question was asked to why the parameters for 8 is Enough were different for each Tournament. Jim noted that the parameters for a Tournament are decided by each Tournament Chair. Fliers need to be revised and sent to Jim by March 21<sup>st</sup>. It was noted that Christy Taylor is the new contact person with ACBL for Tournaments.
5. Motion by Keith Sutherland, seconded by Bonnie Stettler, to Revise the Policies of ISBL: Section 1 Delete Area 5 and combine with Area 4. Delete information regarding the number of Representatives for each Area, Replacing it with Each Area will have 1 Representative.

#### Section 1 - Geographical Organization.

The counties of the ISBL are divided into the following five areas or administrative purposes: Area 1: Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Chickasaw, Franklin, Butler, Bremer, Fayette, Hardin, Grundy, Blackhawk, Buchanan and Tama. Area 2: Allamakee, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, Clinton, Scott, and Rock Island. Area 3: Benton, Linn, Jones and Cedar. Area 4: Poweshiek, Iowa, Johnson, Muscatine, Keokuk and Washington. ~~Area 5: Louisa, Henry, Des Moines, Davis, Van Buren and Lee. Area 2 will have three Board members, Areas 1, 3, and 4 will have two Board members and Area 5 will have one Board member. Each Board Member represents approximately ten percent of the ISBL membership (approximately 40 members.)~~

Martha Peterson has agreed to be Area Representative for Area 4 and Area 5.

Membership numbers by area are:

	Number of Members
Area 1-Deb Woodhouse	56
Area 2- Penny Gilloon and Lynda Kuehn	105
Area 3 Keith Sutherland	62
Area 4 Martha Peterson	82
Area 5	13
Unknown Area	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>324</b>

Motion passed.

6. Section 8.4 of the By-Laws were discussed.

The duties of the Area Directors are:

- (a) Promote ISBL activities to the members of the area they represent.
- (b) Disseminate information from the ISBL Board, District 14, and the ACBL to the members of the area they represent; and
- (c) To serve on a minimum of one ISBL standing committee.
- (d) To welcome new members, congratulate members on rank advancement and contact members whose membership is lapsing.
- (e) To recruit tournament chairs for local tournaments in their areas.

It was noted that the Club Managers make announcements prior to their games and is it confusing for Area Directors to also be doing the same? Maureen will talk with Club Managers and determine how to effectively provide the information to all Unit members.

7. Tournament Coordinator comments/questions Jim Jurgensen. Jim thanked everyone for their cooperation. He noted that graphics are available on the acbl website, Marketing section, for use in fliers.

8. Assessment of the 5 Programs that are being provided by Unit 163 will take place at our next meeting. Data collected will include number of participants, monies disbursed per program, feedback from the participants, number of participants who remain after using the program to determine success of the Programs

9. A Unit Awards Ceremony will be held at the Waterloo Tournament. Individuals present will receive recognition. Awardees who cannot attend will receive their recognition at their Local Clubs. The list of Awardees is available on the acbl.org website. Login with your info and look for the menu item Unit Officers on the left. Click on the Unit Race Certificates. Be sure to let your Club members know that they will be honored at the Award's Ceremony at the Waterloo Tournament. Maureen will send an individual email to all Awardees with an invitation to be recognized at the Waterloo Tournament. I counted about 55 Awardees.

10. Martha Peterson motioned, and Penny Gilloon seconded a motion for the Unit to provide monies to help defer the cost of the boxed lunch at their Tournament. Motion was withdrawn. She agreed to use part of the \$100 hospitality fee provided by the Unit.

11. Martha Peterson asked that the Board revisit a motion to provide \$1000 to each of the Club Managers. It was decided to wait until August after evaluation of the current 5 programs to determine if there was enough money in the budget to do this.

Info from ACBL Director's Meeting from President Bronia Jenkins:  
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### **Program & Initiative Updates**

- **Jumpstart Bridge Expansion** – Now in nearly 400 schools with 17,000+ students. Plans to expand into math conferences this summer. [Jumpstartbridge.com](http://Jumpstartbridge.com)
- **Bridge War Introduction** – A simplified bridge-like game with online and mobile versions in development. Visit [bridgewar.com](http://bridgewar.com) for instructions, flier and game overview. In addition, we will be beta testing an online version that you can test, [click here](#).
- **Community Club & ACBL Clubhouse** – New initiative connecting online and face-to-face players, with revenue-sharing for clubs. [Visit the Community Club](#).
- **Trick Starter** – A free, 1-hour introductory bridge class offered weekly for new players. Students are encouraged to find a local teacher or sign up for an ACBL Online Intro to Bridge Class if they would like to continue. [acbl.org/playbridge](http://acbl.org/playbridge)

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Busta

Secretary