

Unit 163 Meeting Minutes
September 13th, 2025

Members present: Deb Woodhouse, Keith Sutherland, Lynda Kuehn, Penny Gilloon, Jim Jurgenson, Martha Peterson

The meeting was called to order via zoom at 10:30 AM.

Motion to approve minutes of August 2nd, 2025 (Kuehn, Gilloon) Vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve 5 Programs separately (Woodhouse, Gilloon)

- 1) Motion to limit the number of reimbursements to 6 every 6 months in the Club Incentive Program. (Woodhouse, Gilloon). Purpose: To provide Club Managers with incentives to hold more special games. Reimbursement up to \$4.00 per table for holding ACBL Special Games which cost more than \$1.15 per table. \$2,608 spent, projected cost of \$5256. Motion passed.
- 2) Motion to approve Bridge Education Program (Woodhouse, Jurgenson). Purpose: To increase player participation in your Club. Students take an ACBL Class (table fee reimbursed up to 10 based on number of classes taken. Reimbursement for mentor 1/2 table fee). \$120 spent, projected cost of \$240. Motion passed.
- 3) Motion to approve Bridge Mentoring Program. (Woodhouse, Jurgenson). Purpose: To provide less experienced players with coaching and advice. Managers provide free games to ACBL mentees and 1/2 price to mentors. Fully refunded by the Unit. \$1,003 spent, projected cost of \$1,531. Motion passed.
- 4) Motion to approve Unit 163 Membership Drive for new Duplicate Bridge players. (Jurgenson, Kuehn). Purpose: To secure new players to local Clubs who have never played duplicate bridge before. Reimbursement of table fees for 1st time players. \$102 spent, projected cost \$184. Motion failed.
- 5) Motion to approve Two free plays at Tournaments for Unit members with less than 20mps players. (Woodhouse, Jurgenson). Purpose: To encourage novice players to experience Tournament play. The Unit will fully reimburse for the two plays. \$72 spent, projected cost \$120. Motion passed.

Motion to remove from Table proposal to provide \$1000 for all Clubs Managers for 2026. (Woodhouse). Discussion included currently a lack of funds for this proposal. Motion to discontinue this proposal (Jurgenson, Sutherland). Motion passed.

Update on Pre-Dealt Hands for Tournaments. President Busta has been working with ACBL and District 14 President. It was determined that we need to secure a Tournament Director who can bring the pre-dealt hands and Bridge mates. In case of an emergency, Mark Patton will do this.

Tournament Policies: Jim Jurgenson has been added as the new Tournament Coordinator. The number of free plays available to the Tournament Chair were clarified:

C. A Tournament Chair may receive free plays to all tournament sessions if they so choose. ~~In addition, a Tournament Chair may award one free play per tournament session to others.~~ The Tournament Chair will determine if, and to whom, the free plays will be given, and will provide the Director with a list of free plays awarded.

Jim Jurgenson, Tournament Coordinator, james.jurgenson@uni.edu (be sure to use this address) asked that all Clubs submit their Tournament schedules for the 2026-2027 year, and the 2027-2028 year as soon as possible.

Carol Panzer will be the communications contact for Club Managers and scheduling Special Games. Maryanne Boardman will schedule Championship games. President Busta requested that the **UNIT 163 TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND GUIDE FOR THE TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON** document be reviewed carefully. This will come back for approval at the January Board meeting. Thanks Carol, Maryanne and Vickki.

Board members discussed the special recognitions for members that Club Managers may like to do in their Clubs. These awards are to be decided by the individual Clubs and are encouraged.

Be sure to contact acbl at felicia.holt@acbl.org, if you learn of any bridge friends who have passed away. All of you are encouraged to do this. No formal obituary is required.

FYI: The Waterloo Regional Tournament has been approved for June 10th - 13th, 2026

Next Meeting: January 24th, 2026, 10:30 AM

Preliminary Agenda items:

- 1) Budget for 2026
- 2) UNIT 163 TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND GUIDE FOR THE TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON revisions