Iowa Unit 163 of ACBL
Met via Zoom 10:30 AM
March 21, 2026

Present: Maureen Busta, Lynda Kuehn, Martha Peterson, Penny Gilloon, Kathleen Niedert.
Absent: Keith Sutherland, Jim Jurgenson

President Maureen Busta called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM CDT

1. Motion made by Martha Peterson and seconded by Penny Gilloon to approve Lynda Kuehn as Secretary. Motion was passed. Motion made by Lynda Kuehn and seconded by Martha Peterson for Kathleen Niedert to represent Area 1 (Waterloo) on the Board of Unit 163. Motion was passed. Welcome to both! Maureen noted that Kathleen's name was inadvertently misspelled and the correction was made.

2. Penny Gilloon made a motion and seconded by Lynda Kuehn for the approval of the minutes from the February 21st meeting of Board and Club Managers. Motion carried

3. There was no approval or mention of the Treasurer's report since Keith Sutherland was absent. Unit 163 assets total $20, 307.39 as of 2/21/2026.

4. Tournament Coordinators and Procedures
The Covid policy from ACBL is no longer in effect so item #3 can be deleted. The Charity Games have been discussed and amended for 2026 so the only change is the verbage.

5. Motion was made by Penny and seconded by Martha that Free Plays for the tournaments be paid for by the Unit and not by the local clubs. This can have an impact on the budget and sometimes affect whether a tournament breaks even or makes money. Maureen will send out a note on who is eligible for Free Plays.

6. Awards Update
Maureen has printed all certificates. The medals are back ordered and are unsure when they will be available for distribution. Maureen will send a list of all awardees to each board member to identify those in their area. Certificates and medals will be brought to the Mount Pleasant Tournament for pick up by club designee.

7. Reminder to all Club Managers to provide nominations for Vice President and President. A new president will take office in January of 2027. It would be a 2 year commitment. It would be good to have a Vice President immediately so she/he can work with the President for a few months.

8. Presently Area 4 and 5 are together. Martha Peterson is the Board Representative. She has a lady who is interested in serving on the board for Area Four. Her name is Karen Cummins. After discussion a motion was made to change the policy. This motion was made by Kathleen and seconded by Penny. We will vote by rewriting policy for Board Approval and vote to add her to the board. Martha and Kathleen nominated Karen Cummins to be Area 4 representative. Motion was carried. Welcome to Karen.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. We did not set another date for a future meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynda Kuehn, Secretary