

## **Minutes of Unit 157 Board Meeting.....04 May 2013**

### Attendees:

Frank Cook, Unit President  
Iris Bjorn, Unit Secretary  
Keith Henderson, Birmingham DBC President  
Clay Hall, Guest  
Dianne Wammack, Birmingham DBC Representative  
Russ Jones, Guest  
O.T. Johnson, Montgomery Representative  
Michael Lawson, Montgomery Representative  
Joanne Angell, Birmingham Representative  
Jerri Taylor, Montgomery Representative  
Harry Hayes, Tri-County Contract DBC Representative  
Clare Chisler, Montgomery Representative  
Robert Whiting, Riverchase BC  
Don Kemp, Bridge Club of Anniston Representative  
Bill Parrish, Unit 157 Past President  
Linda Goble, Montgomery Representative

The meeting was called to order by Frank Cook, Unit President.

### Old Business.

The following items were discussed.

1. Two people are running for District Representative on the ACBL National Board of Directors: Russ Jones and Coley McGinnis. Russ spoke re his background and qualifications and handed out a resume. In addition to his well-prepared and informative resume, Russ said that he wants to a) focus on various age groups not already targeted, b) promote clubs at the local level, c) take an active part in all aspects of bridge, and d) make sure all voices are heard.

Keith Henderson then spoke for Coley, who sends his regrets for not being here in person. Keith said that Coley's main focus is cooperation between local and national entities. Coley is retired.

Keith stated that both candidates are eminently qualified and that we will be well represented by either.

2. O. T. Johnson said that each unit voting member gets a ballot from ACBL to vote for District 10 Representative to the ACBL National Board of Directors. He added that it is important that we know names and qualifications of each candidate.
3. The Birmingham regional is ready to go. New Orleans gave up their regional spot for 2014 and we have applied to get it. Presently awaiting answer.
4. The minutes were read and approved. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and passed.
5. Frank Cook then gave the treasurer's report in Len Block's absence. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and passed.

#### New Business:

1. Montgomery presented several bills for roof repair and advertising. Asked for help with these bills (\$350.00). A motion to this effect was made, seconded and passed. It was noted that Birmingham may ask for help with roof repairs in the near future.
2. A motion was made and seconded to give Birmingham \$685.44 for Easy Bridge. The motion passed.
3. Keith Henderson said we must know exactly how many people have a vote at the unit level. Frank will call ACBL for verification in determining who has a vote. Usually a secret ballot. Birmingham has 7 votes, Montgomery has 4, other clubs have one each. A problem in determining the actual count arises when an individual holds more than one qualified voting position. (Example:

A person could be their Club Representative and also a member of Unit 157 Board – this would normally be two votes -- so how are these two votes allocated or do the two become one?).

4. O. T. Johnson said the Unit by-laws state that Representatives from each club are elected. Clubs would prefer them appointed. O. T. thinks that this should be left to clubs to decide, not the unit. He added that this should be an item for future consideration.
5. It was decided to continue with the awards for excellence.
6. Keith Henderson said that we should try the Random Acts of Kindness program in Birmingham.
7. There being no further new business, a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Iris Bjorn*

Unit 157 Secretary