

Minutes of Unit 157 Board Meeting.....12 October 2013

Attendees:

Frank Cook, Unit President
Michael DeVivo, Unit Vice-President
Iris Bjorn, Unit Secretary
Len Block, Unit Treasurer
Sherry Kamber, Birmingham DBC President
Dianne Wammack, Birmingham DBC Representative
Joanne Angell, Birmingham DBC Representative
JoAnn Maddox, Montgomery DBC Representative
Linda Goble, Montgomery DBC Representative
Michael Lawson, Montgomery DBC Representative
Jerri Taylor, Montgomery DBC Representative.
Robert Whiting, Riverchase DBC
Don Kemp, Bridge Club of Anniston Representative
O.T. Johnson

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

Old Business.

The following items were discussed:

- Birmingham DBC received a check for \$200 for a portion of expenses related to its Easy Bridge classes.
- Two candidates ran for the position of District 10 Representative to the ACBL National Board of Directors: Russ Jones and Coley McGinnis. Russ Jones was elected.

- The minutes were read and approved. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and passed.
- Len Block presented the treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and passed.

New Business:

- The month of January is designated for the Grass Roots Fund. The monies from these games are returned to the district to fund their NAP and GNT participants. Sectional tournaments can hold up to two special games per session for the Grass Roots Fund. The grant is called Learn Bridge in a Day (LBIAD)
- In the past, Robert Whiting stated that the unit has been called on to help the various clubs in the unit. Robert went on to say that his club needs \$150 for its share of the expenses related to air conditioning repairs at the site where they play. Discussion ensued re whether or not the unit should help out with these expenses. A motion was then made, seconded and passed to reimburse his club \$150 for these repairs.
- Frank Cook suggested that we try to recruit younger members.
- Michael DeVivo stated that Keith Henderson resigned his position as President of the Birmingham DBC and that Sherry Kamber is now serving in that position as president.
- Don Kemp presented his report on the Tunica District 10 Board of Director's Meeting . It is included in these minutes as Addendum A.
- Re Unit-level NAP, Don Kemp said that this is an opportunity for people to get gold points. Not too late for us to sign up or to re-sign up for same.
- Len Block asked re voting procedure at a meeting like this. Does one person get more than one vote if they represent their club and also are a member of

this board? Discussion ensued. Len Block asked that the by-laws be amended to specifically define that there is one vote per person regardless of the number of positions the person holds on the board. A motion was then made, seconded and passed to this effect.

- Sherry Kamber presented a statement asking for reimbursement for yard signs for Easy Bridge. Sandy Smith has submitted a similar request to ACBL in the past and she has learned that they do not reimburse for yard signs. Therefore, Sherry is asking the Unit for this money. Sherry said that these new yard signs can be updated and reused. Mike DeVivo said there is a cap of \$1000 for expenses for Easy Bridge. Mike moved that we reimburse Birmingham for the amount for which we are allowed to reimburse them. Frank Cook said that he will look on website and work with Sandy Smith to verify entire procedure.
- Frank Cook also working with Abe Zanayed regarding use of our tables for a non-sanctioned club game. Sherry added that Abe had asked for 100 bidding boxes, 25 tables, and 25 tablecloths for the 17 October game to be held at the Mt. Brook club.
- O. T. Johnson stressed the importance of promoting bridge in our unit area.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Bjorn, Unit Secretary

Addendum A

Don Kemp's Report on Tunica District 10 Board of Director's Meeting:

Bill Cook was elected President of ACBL effective August 13, 2013 to fill the unexpired term of Don Mamula, who resigned. Bill was also elected to fill the unexpired term of Joan Gerard on the World Bridge Federation Council.

The District 10 board approved a change to the terms of officers from one year to two years. The president and vice president can serve two consecutive terms, secretary and treasurer don't have a limit on the number of terms they serve.

Starting with the 2014-2015 NAP event, the masterpoint limit North American Pairs Flight B will change from 2,000 masterpoints to 2,500 masterpoints. Unit qualifying is no longer required to participate in the District 10 NAP final, although Units can still hold NAP finals to give their players a chance to earn extra masterpoints, which include Gold points.

Effective Sept. 1, 2013 the masterpoint limits for the GNT is:

Flight C: NLM up to 500 mp.

Flight B: 0-2500 mp

Flight A: 0-6000 mp

Championship Flight: 0-unlimited

The GNT Championship Flight finals will be held online on BBO. Registration has to be by 2/1/2014.

All of January is Grass Roots Fund month. All sanctioned club games in January can be Grass Roots Fund Games (70% of Sectional rating). There is a one dollar per player extra charge for these games. Unlike the International Fund, Junior Fund, and Charity Fund games, all of the funds raised in the District for Grass Roots Fund games will be returned to the District, to be used to supplement player's costs to attend the National GNT and NAP events.

The upper masterpoint limit for NLM Regionals can be up to 750 masterpoints.

Sectional Tournaments can have one or two sessions Grass Root Fund games. These will pay 40% (regional rating) more masterpoints than a normal Sectional game. They will cost \$1.00 per player more. The cost can either be passed on to the players or the club running the Sectional can absorb the cost.

Birmingham will have a Regional August 4-10, 2014 and Feb. 29-Mar. 6, 2016. There will also be a Regional available in 2017 since New Orleans does not wish to hold one that year. Sites wishing to host one that year can submit an application to the D10 Tournament Oversight Committee

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