

**Final**

## **Minutes of Unit 157 Board Meeting**

**3 March 2018**

Attendees:

Keith Henderson, Unit President  
Michael Berndt, Vice President  
Gayle Morgan, Unit Treasurer  
Iris Bjorn, Unit Secretary  
Mike DeVivo, Past President  
Jeanne Womack, BDBC Representative  
Sherry Kamber, BDBC Representative  
Faye Whidbee, Board Representative  
Dorothy Norwood, Board Representative  
Robert Whiting, ODWBC Representative  
Abe Zanayed, ABC Representative  
Dianne Wammack, BDBC Representative  
Sandy Smith, BDBC Representative  
Neil Thomas, BDBC Representative  
Ted Bjorn, Greater Tuscaloosa Representative  
Lee Stimson, WPCCR Representative  
Linda Tarver, Montgomery Representative

President Keith Henderson called the meeting to order.

### Old Business:

- He then called for copies of the minutes of our last meeting, along with copies of the financial report, to be distributed. He noted that our financial situation was much improved in the past year.
- Gayle Morgan, Unit Treasurer, explained the financial statements further and explained the transactions that had taken place since the statement was

assembled. Gayle also went over the balances in our present accounts and summarized the value of our CDs.

- As there were no questions or corrections to the financial statements or the minutes, Keith asked for a motion to accept both as submitted. Such occurred.

#### New Business:

- Keith stated that the Tallassee Bridge Club has been closed due to non-payment of their ACBL dues. Keith will look into this further.
- Keith then discussed the Education Liaison position on this Board. Sherry Kamber has been in this position. Keith congratulated Sherry on her outstanding work as Education Liaison. Keith explained that Bee Chapman has volunteered to take over for Sherry, and Keith wished Bee well as she begins her new assignment.
- Then, Keith discussed our next Board meeting, at which he wants to have an in-depth discussion of our financial obligations, including sufficient time to allow for everyone to voice their opinions.
- Michael Berndt asked how ACBL money is given to the various clubs for education efforts.
- Keith responded that this Board must develop and implement a fair and reasonable policy for Education expenses.
- Mike DeVivo added that in the past Education expenses had to be delineated clearly and submitted for prior approval before incurring any expense.
- Keith said that immediately after the game on Saturday afternoon of the Montgomery Sectional in May would be a good time for this Board to meet and discuss the above-mentioned Education policy, as well as other issues, including
  - Best use of our website to communicate with other members of our Unit.
  - Reimbursing individuals to go to District meetings. It has been our policy to pay \$200.00 to attendees for travel expenses.
  - How to get more representation from outlying clubs. We have lost several such clubs

- Keith explained how money is allocated to the Unit from Regional tournaments.
- He then stated that only two clubs in our Unit now hold tournaments: Birmingham and Montgomery. He added that some Districts are underwriting Clubs if they hold a tournament and thinks that we ought to discuss such.
- Keith noted that most districts run the regional tournaments and clubs run the sectionals, whereas in our Unit the clubs run the regionals, as in the case of Birmingham.
- He added that our Unit has a disproportionate number of clubs that are individually owned, that is, owned by club members.
- Keith will email all of the topics he wants us to think about and then discuss at the Montgomery sectional board meeting.
- At the Montgomery meeting, Keith will discuss a standard way to qualify for Nationals. See Addendum A for further information on this topic.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Bjorn  
Unit 157 Secretary

## Addendum A

We are now required to hold NAP qualifiers as a unit so our pairs can qualify for the District 10 finals. This is a change from previous years and was not publicized well to all units. President Keith Henderson will appoint a Unit 157 NAP officer to work in setting up and holding this qualifier next year.