

## **ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2019**

**Location:** Creve Coeur Government Center Meeting Room 2

**Attendees:** Dennis Abeln, Terry D'Amato, Mark Boswell, Maureen Curran, Diane Deutch, Doug Larson, Estella Lau, John Levis, Jay Shah, John Welte, Kelly White.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Boswell at 7:02 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the November meeting were submitted by Dennis via e-mail. Revision 2 of the minutes was approved as submitted.

### **President's Report:**

Diane Deutch agreed to reserve the conference room for 2020.

Mark announced Larry LaBrier resigned his position as treasurer and board member on November 17, effective immediately. Larry cited out-of-town commitments.

Kelly was nominated for Treasurer by Jay, seconded by Dennis. Kelly was approved without objection. Bank signature cards need to be changed over from Mark, Debbie and Larry to Mark, John W and Kelly. The PO Box needs to be changed over from Mark and Larry to Mark and Kelly. Mark will sign checks for now.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

### **Tournaments:**

Mark announced the Sunday I/N Swiss game in the January Sectional will be played in a separate room.

Mark reviewed the problems with getting photos of winners. Mark asked John Levis to find a photographer.

### **Committee Reports**

**Awards:** Doug has trophies on hand for the January Sectional.

**Bidding Boxes & Time Clocks:** No report.

**Caddies:** Maureen is working with Debbie.

**Datebook:** Nothing to report.

**District 8 Report:** No report.

**Membership:** Jay submitted a report by email. Membership dropped by 4 to 1257. Over half of the drop for 2019 is with players in the 0-50 masterpoint range.

**Publicity:** Estella reported January Sectional flyers are out and the email blast has been completed. Postcards will be mailed this week.

**299er Tournaments:** Nothing to report.

### **Unit Electronic Contact:**

- Kelly made mailing labels for January Sectional postcards.

- Kelly did some analysis on how many out-of-unit players came to the October Sectional with goal of trying to determine the cost effectiveness of mailing postcards. Kelly used the list of players who earned masterpoints, as there is no ready access to lists of all players for all sessions. Mark asked for no changes at this time.

- Kelly will work on registration gifts by next meeting.

**Unit Games:** Dennis reported the Dec 6 evening unit game wasn't played so it was rescheduled for Dec 13 morning.

**Website:** Terry is doing general updates on the website. She is also working with Milt Zlatic to document his custom programs.

**Hospitality:** No activity.

**Education / Camp Scholarships:** No activity.

**Outreach:** Doug had refined Dennis's original survey questions but no other progress. Jay suggested handing out the survey at the January Sectional.

**Financial Review:** No activity.

**Nominations:** Dennis is seeking a replacement for Larry. An offer has been extended. If that falls through, focus will be on a female to balance the board.

**Rules Review:** Dennis reported the committee is nearly finished with the bylaws and expects to submit them to the board in January.

**Old Business:**

October Sectional report (attendance and financial). No report yet - Mike C was sick.

Replacement signage for the Regional. Jay - no report.

Upgraded trophies for I/N players - Kelly - no report.

New storage bins for bidding boxes and hospitality gifts - Mark - no report.

**New Business:** (none)

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be January 8, 2020 at the regular time and location.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln, Secretary, December 12, 2019.