## Minutes for Board Meeting, February 12, 2018 ACBL Unit 143 Board of Directors

**Attendees:** Becky Hubert, President; Mark Boswell, Vice President; Dianne Glick, Secretary; Jeff Kopolow, Treasurer; Debbie Romero; Dennis Abeln; Lee Hastings; Linda Seibert; Mark Ziegelman; Lee Hastings and Mary Dolan

Absentees: John Antognoli; Jay Shah and Mike Carmen

President Hubert called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Mark B moved to approve the minutes of the January, 2018, meeting for posting, seconded by Linda Seibert. Minutes were approved.

**President's Report:** Becky thanked Mary Dolan for help in scheduling room at the Police Department. Becky mentioned Meritorious Service Award - only real requirement is that the recipient must be on the Board for 3 terms. She also mentioned that we should be thinking about nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff and Mike Carmen are in agreement as to the Section Report final numbers. Jeff explained that the Ez990 form has been sent out.

## **Tournament Report:**

**299er Tournament:** Mark Z reports that all is finalized. He has received interest from players **January 2018 Sectional:** Mike Carmen's report shows approximate break even. Board decided to continue IN Sunday Pairs in May Sectional, then reevaluate.

**Regional discussion:** Debbie Romero discussed Publicity. Her recommendation is that we keep 2/3 page ad in Bridge Bulletin in May but drop 1/3 page ad for later on. We have postcards and email blast from ACBL for coverage, and many look on line for tournament possibilities. Mark B moved and Dianne seconded that we accept her recommendation. The motion passed. We also discussed the new purple program from ACBL using credit cards for playing fees. After discussion, we decided to gather more information, not to put it in May Bulletin ad and to defer the decision. Lee advised that we have DNO liability insurance as a Board, taken care of by ACBL.

**Old Business:** As to tables, we are going to inventory in May and then decide how many new ones to buy. We will buy 5 tables now to try them. Lee suggested Target for the purchase.

**Awards:** Mark B asked Mark Z whether we should have special awards for 299er Tournament. The decision was no, that we should use the Sectional and Regional Awards.

**Bidding Boxes:** John A was absent. Bidding boxes from warehouse should be inspected, repaired and supplemented as necessary. Becky will organize with John.

**Caddies:** Debbie has reduced the numbers of caddies. There was a discussion of responsibility of Caddies for Hospitality. Mike C will talk with Suzie Moore.

Datebook: Dennis A Membership book is published every three years.

**Education:** Lee H There was a discussion as to whether or not to continue two scholarships for the bridge camp. Linda moved that we continue, seconded by Mary. The motion carried with 5 yeas and 3 nays.

Membership: Jay was absent. Becky has his report.

Partnership: Linda had no report.

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**Publicity:** No further report. Debbie needs labels.

Unit Games: Mark B Tuesday night Unit Game needs to be moved

**Website:** Mary D (John absent) discussed obit additions and tournament results. John will need to redo Board member terms and committee descriptions.

**New Business:** Jeff reported that he was hacked - fisched. Lee said Houston had huge regional tournament, biggest turnout in 3 years. They had no knockouts at all but had bracketed 2-session Swiss Teams instead. They had cash \$1000 award for pairs game. He will share this with Mike.

**Adjournment:** Lee moved to adjourn, seconded by Mark B. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Our next meeting will be held on March 14, 2018, at the Creve Coeur Police Headquarters at 7:00 PM.