

**Minutes for Board Meeting, October 10, 2017
ACBL Unit 143 Board of Directors**

Attendees: Becky Hubert, President; Mark Boswell, Vice President; Dianne Glick, Secretary; Lee Hastings; Linda Seibert; George Hawley; Mary Dolan; John Antognoli; Mark Ziegelman and Jay Shah
Absentees: Jeff Kopolow and Karen Erlanger

President Hubert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Lee Hastings moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2017, meeting for posting; John Antognoli seconded the motion, which was approved. We bid farewell to George and to Karen and offered many thanks for their help. Becky is meeting new Board Member, Dennis Abeln and will brief him. He will be in charge of the Datebook.
Mark Ziegelman report on 299er Tournament. We were 20 tables lower this time than the previous tournament. There was one outstanding bill for \$103, which Mark will turn over to Jeff for payment. We are trying whatever possible to encourage IN attendance at Fall Sectional. Becky is speaking at IN game the week before the Sectional. Jay asked that Becky visit his Club as well. We had 4 people from Paducah attend the IN Tournament.

October Sectional. Mike Carmen reported that the 2016 attendance was 325 tables, down from 375 in 2015. We have hopes for 340-350 with a revenue increase. Sunday Swiss was down last year from 60 to 52 tables. Discussed promoting Swiss to prospective IN participants. We need ideas to pursue to reduce costs and to encourage more participation.

Regional Debbie Romero, Mike and Becky are working on ideas to reduce costs and to encourage more participation. Becky is requesting discussion of items we like by November 1. Discussed special games making an impact on our tournaments. Sectional should not be at the same time as KC. Complaint has been made. Mike is talking to Rick Beye about this. Discussion of coffee and candy problems at the Regional. What kind of candy is good? Peppermints should be out.

There was no formal Treasurer's report (posted by email), as Jeff Kopolow was absent.

Old Business: Lee discussed recovering the remaining tables. Diann would like to do them but not in summer. We will ask her to do after January Sectional.

Awards: George Hawley George has 299er awards for the Sectional.

Bidding Boxes and signs: John Antognoli John has these under control. Will buy new sign for Partnership

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Education: Lee Hastings The controversy on Bridge Camp continues.

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Membership: Jay Shah No formal report

Partnership: Mark Ziegelman Linda will be assisting Mark. We need chairs for waiting people at the Regional.

Unit Games: Mark Boswell Unit game scheduled on Yom Kippur in error was changed. We do our scheduling early for Datebook.

