

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2019

Location: Creve Coeur Government Center Meeting Room 2

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Terry D'Amato, John Antognoli, Mark Boswell, Diane Deutch, Lee Hastings, Estella Lau, Debbie Romero, Jay Shah, John Welte and Kelly White. **Absent:** John Antognoli, Larry LaBrier

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes from last month's meeting were submitted by Dennis Abeln via e-mail. The minutes were approved as submitted.

President's Report: Outreach: Mark reported his invitations to new members to play bridge at his home were all declined, and that he is suspending that part of the outreach program. Debbie reported on the presentation she has developed for explaining team games to the I/N players, planned for presentation before the Sunday Swiss game in the March I/N tournament. Terri will create a place on the unit web site to store educational materials such as this presentation.

Treasurer's Report: No report. Larry is out of town, but is expected to catch up with reports at the April meeting.

Tournaments:

August Regional: Debbie reported changes to the schedule: a pairs game was added on Saturday evening; Friday evening's single-session Swiss was dropped; Regional Side Game Series #5 was added with games on Tuesday thru Saturday evening where players must participate in at least two sessions to compete for the overall award. The schedule has been approved by ACBL. Expert guest speakers will offer training sessions before the afternoon I/N sessions on Monday thru Saturday. The ad for the Bridge Bulletin is being finalized. Postcards are being printed.

March I/N Tournament: John W. reported 23 pairs are signed up for Saturday and 8 teams for Sunday Swiss. John circulated a sign-up sheet for helpers. John was encouraged to bring ½ sheet cake for each session. The I/N games will be held in the west end of the Bridge Center. Food will be set up in that area.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Mark has received the Ace of Clubs certificates and will present them before the Friday Afternoon session of the May Sectional.

Bidding Boxes: No report. (John A. absent.)

Datebook: Nothing to report.

Membership: Jay reported we lost 13 members.

Publicity: Estella reported the May Sectional materials are being printed. She needs mailing labels for the postcards. Kelly will provide labels. Estella commented that mailing labels get created for deceased people and for people who have declared in their profile that they don't want mailings of promotional material. Kelly agreed to look into this.

Unit Electronic Contact: Kelly advised that incoming reports from ACBL are being filed in the drop box system.

Unit Games: Nothing to report.

Website: Terry reported the website is up to date.

Hospitality: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday April 10, 2019 at the regular location

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln, Recording Secretary, April 4, 2019.