

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2019

Location: Creve Coeur Government Center Meeting Room 2

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Terry D'Amato, John Antognoli, Mark Boswell, Lee Hastings, Estella Lau, Debbie Romero, Jay Shah, John Welte and Kelly White, and Linda Siebert (non-board member.) Absent: Diane Deutch and Larry LaBrier.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Boswell at 7:01 PM.

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

President's Report: Mark reported that Linda Siebert has agreed to be Registration Chair for the August Regional.

Treasurer's Report: Larry was absent. He sent an e-mail with notes about activity. No financial report.

Tournaments:

August Regional:

Linda asked for assistance staffing the registration desk for the time window 45 minutes to 15 minutes before start of each session. She circulated a sign-up sheet.

Phyllis Siegel is handling Partnership. She reportedly has it under control. Mark will ask clubs to set out partnership signup sheets.

Need plan for collecting cash from the game directors and making the bank deposits. Will Larry handle this?

Maureen Curran (nominated board member) will handle photographing the session winners. Photo taking will be available after the morning and afternoon sessions only. Maureen has arranged helpers.

John A. agreed to check the registration gift inventory. He will also verify signs are in storage with the tables. The hotel provides the easels.

Copies of tournament flyers will be needed at the registration desk and director desks. Estella?

No section-top trophies this year.

Lee will update the restaurant guide. He will make it available electronically and also provide copies for the registration desk.

Bruce Greenspan will teach a free beginner's class at Monday 10AM and conduct a free game at 1PM for 0-20 players. Phyllis Siegel will assist. Bruce needs bidding boxes on hand by 10AM (John A?.) Bruce needs pencils and scoresheets (who furnishes?) Mike Carmen arranges for the hotel to provide donuts and coffee. Parking passes will be needed if gate arms aren't in 'up' position - Mark will contact Rick Beye. Mark will ask Bruce to make announcements about the classes to club I/N sessions held concurrent to open games he is playing in. Debbie will ask Debb Keniley and Marvin King to promote the class at their I/N games.

There will be a Saturday evening dinner before the evening game for District 8 Board Members and Unit 143 board members, with Hors D'Oevres and an open bar. Diane Barker and Phyllis Siegel will be invited Significant others are included. Who organizes this? Who sends invitations?

Mark advised all board members should plan to stay after the last Sunday session to help wipe down the tables.

I/N Tournaments: John W reported a correction to the September tournament flyer - Bracketed Swiss was changed to Stratified Swiss.

We discussed the need for training I/N people on mechanics of Swiss team games, including IMP scoring, movements, round-robins, shuffling, etc. Who will do this?

Fall Sectional: Lee reported that Beth Percich has agreed to direct the I/N games at the Fall Sectional, but she wants to play rather than direct on Friday evening. Tournament Director Rick Beye needs to agree to Beth doing this. Mike Carmen will follow-up.

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Nothing to report

Awards: No report.

Membership: Jay reported total unit membership is 1303, down 2 from same time last year.

Bidding Boxes: (see discussion under tournaments.)

Datebook: Dennis will start work on the 2020 Datebook this month. Need unit game scheduling complete by end of August (later corrected to end of July.)

District 8 Report: Nothing to report.

Publicity: Estella asked whether the Fall Sectional flyer should be the same as the Spring Sectional. A motion was made to change to change the I/N games from 0-499 to 0-299. Motion passed.

Unit Electronic Contact: Kelly asked about timing for presentation of various awards. Mark indicated Life Master Awards are presented at every sectional. Other awards like Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs are presented at the January Sectional.

Unit Games: Lee is working on the unit game schedule for 2020.

Website: Terry reported she has been updating the website links. The past board member listing is not completely updated. She was asked to delete references to the St Louis Knockout ('Bragging Rights') as this event is no longer held.

Hospitality: Terry commented that nearby tournaments don't do much for hospitality, and often charge for things. We could cut back on our hospitality to reduce costs. No action at this time.

Nominations: Nothing to report.

Financial Review: Lee intends to complete the financial review this month.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Lee inquired about renewing the business account with Staples. Since no purchases are planned, and since it can be restarted if needed, all agreed to drop it.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September July 11, 2019 at the regular location. (No meeting in August.)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln, Recording Secretary, July 28, 2019.