

Minutes for Board Meeting, May 9, 2018 ACBL Unit 143 Board of Directors	
<p>Attendees: Becky Hubert, President; Mark Boswell, Vice President; Dianne Glick, Secretary; Jeff Kopolow, Treasurer; Debbie Romero; Jay Shah; Mike Carmen; Lee Hastings; Linda Seibert; John Antognoli; Lee Hastings and Mary Dolan</p> <p>Absentees: Dennis Abeln and Mark Ziegelman</p>	
<p>President Hubert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mary Dolan moved to approve the minutes of the April, 2018 meeting for posting, seconded by John Antognoli. Minutes for posting were approved.</p>	
<p>President's Report: We discussed the Meritorious Service Award, to be awarded at the October Sectional, to include framed certificate, gift card and cake.</p> <p>Debbie nominated Nell Schneider, highly recommended by many. The requirements are 9 years on the Board, and service needs to be considered significant. Dianne moved that Nell should be nominated, and John seconded. Agreed by acclamation. Becky will notify Nell. Becky asked about announcements of new Life Masters, to be done on Friday. The announcement of Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs will be on Sunday.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was posted by email. No further questions. Jeff brought up the matter of conforming with the tax laws. Anyone employed by us earning \$600 or more needs to be issued a 1099. Beth working for us in 299er is an example. Two options: If we do not want to do 1099's, we must pay no one over \$600. The other option would be to hire Bridge Center to pay Beth and issue a 1099. It was decided that Jeff will approach the Bridge Center.</p>	
<p>Tournament Report:</p> <p>Sectional discussion: Becky asked about announcements of new Life Masters, to be done on Friday. The announcement of Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs will be on Sunday.</p> <p>Regional discussion: Mike Carmen: Copy of preparations has been given already.</p> <p>Debbie brought up that our flyer was incorrect. We were not notified properly of the changes by ACBL. It is an extra \$4.00 for an unpaid ACBL member. Anyone who is not a member of ACBL must buy a temporary membership for \$8.00. If this comes up, the Directors will handle it, and we are willing to pay the extra \$1.00</p> <p>We have met with hotel about changes, which are significant. Some people have complained that the new 9:30 start time was too early. This is to make it easier for locals and also to avoid overlaps. Team event is scheduled to begin each evening; team events are also offered during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mike Carmen expressed a concern that we will have a problem spending enough on food to meet our contract commitment. We will offer pastries in the morning and will check on cost of fruit trays or fruit. Discussion was held regarding cookies or snacks during afternoon session. It was mentioned that cash concessions sell them. Hotel charges \$4.00 per person. So Mike will speak to hotel about some sort of treat. District Board meeting will be at 7:00 PM Saturday evening, and the cocktail party will be held at 5:00 PM Saturday.</p> <p>Concessions during the tournament should maybe be in another room and have two lines to expedite.</p> <p>Jay has 900 email addresses of players - 0-20. He suggested that instructional first sheet of tournament bulletin be given to him. He will send it on to the 900 players. He also suggested that the same first sheet be printed and displayed at the clubs.</p>	
<p>Old Business: Tables - Lee brought sample of new table from Target. \$30.99 per table, plus tax is the cost. If we have a Red Card, 5% discount, plus free shipping. Best guess is to replace 70 more tables. Discussion was held as to where the new tables would be delivered, perhaps to the hotel, but it would need to be delivered on a specific date. Old tables to be donated to Good Will. We will vote on choices at the June meeting.</p>	
<p>Awards: Mark B said that awards are ready to go.</p>	

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Bidding Boxes: John A said bidding boxes will be out in time for start of tournament. Debbie asked John about signs. He said all ready to go.	
Caddies: Debbie stated that she is ready to go. She has spread sheet of caddies and breakout of money paid to them. Three caddies at 9:30, three caddies in afternoon and two in the evening. Schools are in session, so we need to think of alternatives. Suggestions were local college kids.	
Datebook: Dennis A was absent.	
Education: Lee H said we have one application. Lee suggested waiting until two weeks from now, then going ahead with our applicant. Agreed by acclimation.	
Membership: Jay is a little behind with welcome letters, but he will get them out soon.	
Partnership: Linda reported that she already has a little activity.	
Publicity: Debbie has resigned after the Regional. Estella Lau will take over after that. Board thanked Debbie for taking Publicity for so many years. Debbie is sending out flyers to all the regional and national tournaments. She will do email blasts as time is right. Regional publicity is on schedule for August.	
Unit Games: Mark B Mary asked Mark B about NAP. Our website will have schedule of qualifying games. Mary inquired about the requirements for playing in a specific division. Debbie will seek information from District Meeting. Lee found deadline on ACBL website, May 6, 2018,	
Website: Mary D and John John is updating Board members. Mary asked about things going on at different clubs to publicize on our site. She is concentrating on special events. Mary suggested that they feature a new game for two months to publicize. Information must be in to web site monitor by the first of the month.	
New Business: No new business was reported.	
Adjournment: Lee moved to adjourn, seconded by John. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Our next meeting will be held on June 13, 2018, at the Creve Coeur Police Headquarters at 7:00 PM. Becky will be absent, so Mark B will conduct the meeting.	