

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2020

Location: The meeting was conducted on-line using ZOOM due to risk of COVID-19 Virus

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Mark Boswell, Maureen Curran, Terry D'Amato, Estella Lau (joined at 7:25 pm), Jan Potts, John Welte, Kelly White.

Absent: Diane Deutch, Jay Shah.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Boswell at 7:05 PM.

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

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly reported no activity during the last month. The report was approved as submitted.

District 8 Report: Mark advised nothing to report.

Tournaments:

Kelly is prepared to place order for convention card holders as sectional registration gifts, but is continuing to hold off due to COVID-19 cancellations.

Committee Reports

Awards: Mark mailed the awards for Mini-McKinney, Ace of Clubs, Player of the Year and Life Master to the recipients. Recipients were posted on the Unit's website.

Bidding Boxes & Time Clocks: No discussion.

Caddies: Maureen. No activity.

Datebook: Dennis. No activity.

Membership: Jay was absent but he had submitted a report by e-mail which indicated Unit 143 membership is down 49 people from Dec 31, 2019, and that the majority of the loss was among players with less than 100 master points.

Publicity: Estella. No activity.

Unit Electronic Contact: Kelly has been processing member death notices. No other activity.

Unit Games: Dennis. No activity.

Website: Terry. The website has been kept up to date.

Hospitality: Diane. Absent, no report.

Education / Camp Scholarships: No discussion.

Outreach: Jan. No activity.

Advocate: Jan. Unit 143 did not have an article in the October 2020 issue of the Advocate. Jan was not aware of the deadline. She will contact Karen Walker about the next issue. Jan asked for topics to be addressed.

Finance: Kelly. No discussion.

Nominations: John. The terms of Dennis Abeln, Jay Shah and Jan Potts expire at the October 2020 sectional. All three are eligible to continue for another term and are willing to serve another term. The three were nominated and the nominations were approved by the board. The nominees will be posted on the unit website. A notice inviting other people to submit petitions for membership on the board will be posted on the unit website as per usual procedure. (See Annual Meeting below)

The two board member openings created by the resignations of John Levitz and Doug Larson still need to be filled. These vacancies are filled by the board of directors. Mark asked that any suggestions be submitted to John.

Bylaws/Rules Review: Dennis. No activity.

Photographer: Not discussed.

Annual Meeting: The board voted to set the Annual Meeting on January 7, 2021, to be conducted by ZOOM. The agenda will be President's Report, Annual Financial Report and election of board member positions which expire in October 2020 as per the bylaws. The Annual Meeting is normally held during the Fall Sectional Tournament but that event and the subsequent Winter Sectional Tournament in January have both been cancelled by ACBL due to COVID. The deadline for submitting petitions for membership on the board is November 8 which is 60 days before the annual meeting, as per the bylaws. Runoff elections will not be needed if no petitions are received by that deadline, as per the bylaws. If an election is needed, the method will be determined by the board at the next board meeting on Nov 11. Postcards giving notice of the annual meeting need to be mailed no later than Dec 8 which is 30 days before the meeting, as per the bylaws. Kelly agreed to prepare the postcards.

Old Business: (none)

New Business: (none)

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be November 11, 2020 at 7 pm via ZOOM. John Welte will send instruction on how to participate. Officer elections will be held at this meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln, Secretary. October 14, 2020.