

## **ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, July 1, 2024**

Location: The meeting was conducted on-line using ZOOM.

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Sandy Bigg, Mark Boswell, Dian Brazier, Terry D'Amato, John Welte, Janet Vontz, and Mark Zellmer

Absent: Don Chase, Steve Russell, and Jay Shah

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 and met quorum requirements.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The Board passed a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 10, 2024.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mark B reported that Steve Russell did not have a Treasurer's Report because it is so early in the month.

### **Former Board Member passing and New Members**

Mark B reported that Ken Obrecht passed last week. His obituary is listed on the Unit website. A motion was approved to send \$100 to Children's Hospital.

The board welcomed Janet Vontz to the board and thanked her for taking on the role of Secretary.

Mark Z agreed to handle trophies.

Sandy agreed to head up publicity.

The board passed a motion to approve Tod Moses to become a board member. Tod will be asked to perform Financial Oversight.

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### **August Regional**

Sandy will print the sign promoting improved guest behavior that she and Mark B drafted.

Sandy will also print enough copies of the letter that Mark B wrote to hotel guests to hand out when hotel guests check in. Dennis will find out if the hotel will allow us to hand out this letter then and will let Sandy know an estimated number of guests at the end of July.

Mark Z and Ken have agreed to give educational lectures. There are no others scheduled. Mark Z will ascertain if any pros are planning to attend. He will know more after a meeting on Tuesday. It was determined that 2 lectures are probably enough. There is no compensation for the two scheduled lectures.

At the next board meeting, Sandy will handle the sign-up sheet for set-up and clean-up duties. Everyone needs to help. She will send out a list of the assignments to the board prior to the Regional as a reminder. The hotel will set up the tables and chairs but we need to handle bidding boxes and wiping down the tables at the end; the hotel provides the cleaning equipment. Dian offered to help with the banners and signs and will come at 10 or 11 on Monday, and she and Sandy offered to put out bidding boxes.

Winners in the Open events will need to take their own photos and send them to Sandy who will organize and label them and then submit to Terry for publication.

Sandy will make a sign telling winners to take their own pictures. Sandy will contact an I/N player to be in charge of taking photos for the I/N winners.

Mark Z is in charge of trophies and will ask the I/N directors to hand them out to the winners.

Mark B will transport 12 cases of boards, the dealing machine and the banner from the Bridge Center to the Renaissance on Saturday morning (or in advance of Monday afternoon's game, at the latest). All supplies are to go to the room we have assigned for our equipment.

Dennis will deliver the PA system to the venue. Steve will set up and break

down the PA system.

Dennis said that we should get a person to help Phyllis at the partnership desk, but Sandy and Mark Z remembered that last year Phyllis did not want this help, except for the session on Monday when she runs her class.

### **Other tournaments**

Dennis contacted the St. Louis Bridge Center regarding the continuation of Sectional and I/N tournaments at St. Louis Bridge Center. In a conversation, Glenn Rehagen told Dennis that the Center was happy with the current agreement and would be willing to extend it for two years, but he will meet with his board in August to get approval. A motion was made and approved to continue our current agreement for two years.

### **Committees:**

Website: Bios are needed from Dian, Don and Janet for the Unit website. Terry requested the committee chairs to place their documents on Drop Box since we pay over \$100 a year for this service. Terry will send out invitations to the board to access our Drop Box.

Trophies and Badges: Mark Z will order name badges for Tod and Janet.

Nominating: With the addition of Tod, the board will be at full capacity.

### **Old Business**

We need a chairman for the upcoming Nationals. Mark B is considering it. Mark B and Mark Z suggested co-chairs. The manual from ACBL is 80 pages and Mark B will send a link to Mark Z.

### **New Business**

A motion was approved to move the next meeting to Monday, August 5.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.**

**Next Meeting: August 5, 2024**