

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, June 10, 2024

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

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Sandy Bigg, Mark Boswell, Dian Brazier, Terry D'Amato, Steve Russell, Jay Shah, John Welte, and Mark Zellmer

Absent: Don Chase

Call to Order

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

Vice President's Report

Mark B reported that he had spoken with Kadie Davis regarding the Collinsville Regional and that they are equally concerned about the timing being in close proximity to our St. Louis Regional. They will see how it goes.

Approval of the Minutes

The Board passed a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2024.

Treasurer's Report

The Board passed a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Board Member Resignation and New Board Members

Mark B reported that Ken Obrecht had resigned from the board for health reasons.

The board passed a motion to approve Janet Vontz to become a board member.

Mark B said that he would contact Janet to see if she would be willing to serve as Secretary. If yes, Sandy would step down as Secretary and take on the role of Publicity Chair.

Dian said she needed someone else to take on handling trophies.

Mark said that we needed a new board member to handle the role of Financial Oversight.

There will be an election of new board officers in November. We should consider who our candidates for officers will be. Mark B noted that his 2-year term as President will end then and that he must step down per the by-laws.

Tournaments

August Regional

Sandy said that she will take on designing the pdf file for signs at the two entrances that will encourage improved guest behavior.

Sandy will make copies of the letter that Mark B has written to the hotel guests promoting good behavior, and Dennis will ask the hotel if a copy of this letter can be handed to guests at check in.

Hospitality will just involve putting out the candy bowls.

Dian will make sure we have enough trophies to award first place pairs in the I/N events; there will be awards for A/B/C strats. Gold Rush winners do not get trophies.

Dennis said that we would need to decide who will get the free hotel room allocations. We get one free night per 30 nights sold. Neither Mark B nor Dennis needs a free room. Dennis thought that Phyllis should have one for the entire week, and Jay should have one for Monday night, leaving three free room nights likely available. Sandy suggested allocating the remaining free nights to the ACBL directors to save money.

Dennis reported that Monday's gold events are supposed to be charity games, with \$7 per table going to the ACBL for the first session, and \$7 going to the unit's preferred charity for the second session. Dennis said that Peter told him that other Units have not been charging higher entry fees to cover this.

Dennis anticipates losing approximately \$800 at the tournament; we would need 15 more tables to break even.

Mark Z will begin recruiting local players who might give talks/lessons at the tournament while we await word on what pros might be coming.

Dennis will ask for sign-ups at our next meeting for clean-up duties and assisting Phyllis at the partnership desk.

September 499r Tournament

The Board passed a motion to approve the flyer for the Sept. 499r event.

October Sectional/NLM Regional

Sandy agreed to take on the role of mailing the flyers to remote clubs. Ken needs to get Sandy the files with names and addresses.

Committees

Website:

Terry said that she needed to find out who is the administrator for the distribution list design team. She will talk to former board members to see if anyone knows who it is. Milt is not on the list but should be.

Bills for the cost of running the website should be sent to Steve.

Old Business—none

New Business

Mark asked the board if we were willing to move next month's meeting to July 1 to accommodate travel schedules. There were no objections.

A motion to adjourn the meeting passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Next Meeting: July 1, 2024