

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, October 14, 2024

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

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Mark Boswell, Jay Shah, John Welte, Mark Zellmer, Don Chase, Sandy Bigg and Janet Vontz

Absent: Steve Russell, Dian Braizer, Terry D'Amato and Tod Moses

Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01

President's Report

There was no report from the president.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 9 Unit Board meeting.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Renaissance Hotel Update

Mark B and Dennis reported that the 2025 Regional will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, but the contract has not been received. There will be an adjustment for room commitment. The hotel wants the Unit to indemnify the hotel for damage caused by guests who are members of the ACBL. Mark B said no and hopes the Unit will stand firm on that decision in future negotiations with the hotel. There was a discussion about who is responsible for this kind of damage. ACBL has a policy that covers the playing area but not the guest rooms. It was mentioned that the hotel has contact information and credit card information to collect damages from anyone responsible for damage.

The Renaissance will hold the date for the 2026 Regional, but not make a commitment to host until after the 2025 Regional. The Renaissance was appreciative of the thank you letter from Mark B and the goodwill gestures made by the Unit. These included tips to the employees and paying an outside contractor for hazardous waste clean up that was caused by an ACBL member.

It was suggested that the indemnification issue will become a non issue and will go away.

499er Tournament

John Welte reported that the 499er tournament held in September went well. There were 31.5 tables this year compared to 29.5 tables last year. It was reported that the players seemed to have a good time. John posted a spreadsheet showing income and expenses including a \$828.61 loss.

There were not enough 0-100 for their own section so those players were grouped with the other 499ers for the Saturday afternoon session.

The Swiss increased by two tables due to encouragement from Mark Z and John.

The next 499er is in March so no publicity is required at this time.

October Sectional

A list of assignments for clean up after each session was created by Sandy with volunteers. Some slots still need to be filled. Sandy will reach out to the absent members to fill these slots.

Debbie Romero's meritorious award will be given to her on Friday.

The annual meeting will be held Friday morning at 9:30.

2026 NABC tournament in St. Louis

Mark Boswell received information from Debbie Romero and reported that Mike Carmen is still on the fence about chairing this event.

Mark Boswell will start the November 11 BoD meeting as his last act as President of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.