

ACBL Unit 234 Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 5:00 PM
Casa Ramos, 837 SW Fairlawn, Topeka

Minutes (Approved on January 23, 2015)

Members present included: Jan O'Connor (President), Pat Lombardi (Vice President), Mary Locniskar (Secretary), Jan Tillery (Treasurer), Jerry Sloan, Mike Kelly, Lois Clark, Jim Masilamani, Terrance McKerrs

1. **Call to order:** Jan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
2. **Minutes have been published from the last meeting:** Mary Locniskar reported that the Minutes from the November 6, 2014, ACBL Unit 234 Board Meeting were approved via e-mail and were published on the website.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Jan Tillery distributed the corrected September 1-30, 2014 Treasurer's Report and the October 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 Treasurer's Report (See Handouts). On December 31, 2014, the Total Net Worth was \$20,527.22.

She also distributed a document entitled 'Other issues of interest beyond the Treasurer's Report' which included information on Fast Results (paid for), a 'bank' for the Director, \$713.13 from the ACBL for reimbursement from members' renewals in ACBL, and information on tournament flyer templates (See Handout). A procedural question about an appeals committee was answered by members of the board, and it was noted that Jim Masilamani is our board member in charge of any appeals committee. She also pointed out some issues related to Unit 101's newsletter "The Declarer" and their reporting of NAP results. The board noted the incorrect information, but also noted that the issue was the responsibility of Unit 131, not our Unit. In addition, she passed the Sunflower Regional 2014 folder and envelope of 2013 receipts to the secretary for filing.

4. **Report on possible changes to Policies and Procedures:** Mary Locniskar reported that, as a first step, she had reformatted the 'Unit Election' section of the Policies and Procedures document. She will share the entirety of the reformatted document before the March board meeting. In the mean time, Pat Lombardi will review the document and provide feedback.
5. **Report on Nominating Committee:** Lois Clark reported that Eldon Herd and Klee Zaricky agreed to serve on the committee. The committee will be sending out an e-mail requesting nominations. The Committee has asked retiring board members Pat Lombardi, Jerry Sloan and Mike Kelly if they would like to be a nominee: Pat Lombardi accepted.
6. **February 2015 tournament:**
 - a. Overall picture: Jerry Sloan reported that the hotel agreed to provide lunch on Saturday and Sunday at a cost of \$10.00/attendee. The lunch period will be shorten and games will resume at 2:30 PM.
 - b. Free play policy: Mike Kelly reported that the committee (i.e., Dave Chipman, Jerry Sloan, Mike Kelly) had agreed to keep the budget the same as last tournament, but will leave it up to the committee chairs to reward people who did the work (e.g., moving tables/set-up, welcome desk, partnership desk).
 - c. Incentives for newcomers: Jan reported that we will encourage newcomers to play at the tournament. We have scheduled 199er and 299er games (stratified with each strata). Terrance is making a large red heart to mount on the wall, as backdrop for photos of the newcomers who win their strata. It was recommended to send an e-mail to club managers to encourage newcomers to attend the tournament. Pat Lombardi suggested, and the board agreed, that

newcomers with 0-20 MP be charged half price for their entry fee. We can pass out half-price tickets at the newcomers table (the newcomer would hand the ticket to the Director).

- d. Reports from committees: Jan O'Connor provided the reports from the committees.
 - Hospitality Committee: Klee Zaricky has formed the committee and has \$200 for hospitality.
 - Partnership Committee: The committee has a budget of \$100
 - Publicity Committee: The committee has a budget of \$200. Terrance will set-up the heart the day before the tournament (i.e., at the time the tables are being set-up.
 - Reception/Welcome Committee: Polly Schoning and Linda Scholtter will be responsible.
 - Newcomers Committee: The committee has a budget of \$150. They will need to develop a release form for players that agree to have their pictures taken.
- e. Presentation of check to Capper Foundation: The presentation is scheduled between the morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday.

7. Fall 2015 tournament:

- a. Schedule: In Dave Chipman's absence, Mike Kelly presented a schedule for the Free State Autumn Sectional Bridge Tournament to be held November 13, 14 and 15, 2015 at the Topeka Ramada West, 605 SW Fairlawn Road, Topeka, KS. The Friday and Saturday schedule includes a single session open pairs and 299ers single session at both a 10:00 AM and at 2:30 PM start time. Sunday includes a Stratflight Swiss game starting at 10:00 AM (See Handout).
- b. Suggestions for committees: Jan O'Connor, along with the tournament co-chairs, will appoint the committees.

8. 2016 Regional

- a. Chair and co-chair: Mike Kelly will be the Chair of the 2016 Regional Committee (Topeka Regional, June 21 - 26, 2016, Capitol Plaza Hotel, 171 SE Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS; Sanction #1606050).
- b. Schedule: Mike Kelly presented a handout (See Handout) and discussed a tentative game schedule. Mike will call ACBL to determine if a 3-strata Gold Rush is possible. This is a split Regional with Amarillo. Jim Masilamani will contact the Amarillo group to discuss potential schedules.
- c. Suggestions for committees: Jan O'Connor, along with the tournament co-chairs, will appoint the committees.

9. **Using the new gmail account for unit business:** This item will be postponed until the March Board meeting.

10. **Electronic contact for ACBL membership information:** The Unit Secretary is the appointed electronic contact for the ACBL. The new ACBL Privacy Policy can be found at <http://www.acbl.org/acbl-content/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/privacypolicy.pdf>. For example, we are not permitted to publish the information, regarding the survey taken this past Fall, without each individual's permission.

11. **Other new business:** Jerry Sloan and Jim Masilamani reported on the recent District Meeting. They reported that starting in January, 2015, every Regional held in the District would be required to pay \$1.00/person/game throughout the tournament to help support the Nationals to be held in Kansas City in 2017.

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

The Next ACBL Unit 234 Board Meeting, March 11, 2015, 5:00 PM at KVBC

Dinner will be provided by Jerry Sloan

Respectfully submitted, Mary Locniskar, Secretary