

**ACBL Unit 234 Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 5:00 PM  
Dickey's Barbeque Pit  
721 Wakarusa Drive, Lawrence, Kansas**

**Minutes  
(Amended and Approved April 6, 2015)**

**The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM.** Board members present included: Lois Clark, Mike Kelly, Mary Locniskar, Pat Lombardi, Jim Masilamani, Terrance McKerrs, Elle Patton, Jan Tillery,

**Jan O'Connor's Letter of Resignation:** Terrance McKerrs stated that he was sorry that Jan O'Connor resigned from the Board and moved to send a thank you card to Jan for her service as President (Elle Patton seconded the motion). The Board voted unanimously to send a thank you card to Jan O'Connor for her service as President of the Unit Board.

**Election of new President:** Mike Kelly moved to have Pat Lombardi, current Vice President, act as President for the next two meetings (which are the last two meetings of the current session of the Board). Terrance McKerrs seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to have Pat Lombardi serve as President for the next two meetings.

**Minutes of the last Board Meeting:** Although the Minutes had been approved, Jan Tillery found new information regarding the privacy issue. Based on this information Jan Tillery recommended, and Mary Locniskar moved, to amend the minutes from the January 14, 2014 Board Meeting. Mike Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Secretary will amend the Minutes, send to everyone and file the Minutes both electronically and paper copy.

**Treasurer's Report (Jan Tillery):** The January-February Treasurer's Report was discussed. Although the February Tournament was a success, the financials of the tournament were not. Because half-priced tickets were given to individuals with 0 – 50 MP players (rather than the agreed upon 0 – 20 MP players), the cost to the tournament was about \$450. In addition the food bill was considerably over what was budgeted because of the added 30% for tax and service charges. NOTE: Klee Zaricky and Jet Elmer donated over \$100 in items for the hospitality suite (they will not do this again).

We need to have a brainstorming session to come up with ideas on how to save money during tournaments (e.g., The Unit could purchase granola bars and not purchase donuts or cookies from the hotel).

Pat Lombardi will add a note on the website to thank all Committee Chairs and volunteers who worked on the tournament.

**District Meeting Report:** Jim Masilamani wrote a report last December and sent it to Jan O'Connor, but there were some technical difficulties. The following was included in the Report: The District decided that for every regional tournament going forward, the Unit running the regional must send \$1.00/person/game to the District. In addition, the District decided that they will sanction a third

STAC game throughout the District and the monies collected will go to the National in 2017. Jim Masilamani will send his report to the Board Members.

**February Sectional Summary:** See Treasure's Report.

**November Sectional:** Mike Kelly stated that the room rate has been finalized at \$79.00 and that Liz Gilman will talk to the hotel about a discount at the Bar and Grill.

- Terrance McKerrs is assigned to the Partnership Desk and will talk to Paul Harris, Nancy Huck and Virginia Hamilton about helping on the desk.
- Nancy Epoch will oversee the Welcome Desk
- Klee Zaricky has accepted responsibility of Hospitality, only if an appropriate budget is approved.

Mike went on to say that the bridge playing members do not know anything about the Unit Board. The bridge playing members need to understand that the Unit Board organizes tournaments to earn money to support clubs in their efforts to attract new members. The Board needs to meet with club managers to ask what their club needs to help expand their membership (e.g., through advertising and/or supporting new members with half-price games). What do the club managers need?

**2016 Regional (June 21-26, 2016).** Jim Masilamani reported that Amarillo has agreed to the details of this joint tournament; the hotel contract has been received. Discussion came up about these dates conflicting with the Longest Day and reconfirming the dates with National. The Longest Day could be rescheduled to a "less longer day."

**2018 Regional (June 19-24, 2018) in Topeka.** Note: No sanction number yet. Mike Kelly reported on preliminary discussions with the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Board members agreed with his opinion that the ballroom space at the Capitol Plaza Hotel is too large and that different bids might be obtained from the Ramada. Liz Gilman and Jan Tillery will explore other options; Terrance McKerrs offered to help as he knows the management at the Ramada.

**Election game.** Lawrence and Topeka will alternate July (Unit Election game) and October 2015 (NAP Final game) dates. Dave Chipman had recommended dates of July 18 or 25, and October 11 or 25. A motion was passed to hold the Topeka Unit Election game on July 18 and Lawrence NAP Final game on October 11, 2015. Since the October dates are on Sundays, Elle Patton will confirm with Lawrence. A motion was passed to hold the Unit Election game in Topeka on July 18, 2015. Jan Tillery will confirm the availability of the Woman's Club. Dave Chipman requested that the NAP final be held on the weekend of October 10/11 or 24/25, so that we avoid any conflict with the Salina tournament. His preference was for a Sunday to avoid the pressure of early departure on Saturdays because of the University Club game.

**Unit NAP Date – Recommendations to be reported at next meeting.**

**Other Business:**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**

Submitted by Mary Locniskar, Secretary