Minutes for Board Meeting, January 11, 2017

ACBL Unit 143 Board of Directors

Attendees: Becky Hubert, President; Mark Boswell, VP; Dianne Glick, Secretary; Karen Erlanger;

Lee Hastings; Jay Shah; Mark Ziegelman; Linda Seibert; John Antognoli; George Hawley

Guest: Mike Carmen, Tournament Chair

Absentees: Jeff Kopolow, Treasurer; Mary Dolan

President Hubert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Minutes of the December meeting were approved for posting. Jeff Kopolow, Treasurer was absent, but Treasurer's report had been circulated by email and was approved. President Hubert requested Treasurer to come in February in order to brief us on where money comes and goes. The need for periodic audits was discussed.

President Hubert also asked that each committee should have pertinent information entered into Dropbox in order to facilitate a standard for that committee. Everyone agreed that a review of Dropbox training is in order.

Tournament Business: Mike Carmen

January Sectional: A thorough discussion was held regarding the Sectional and the impending weather forecast of freezing rain and ice. We will cancel Indiana Director. Food may be the only problem if Sunday has to be cancelled at the last minute. Some can be kept but not all. It was decided to put up a banner on the website to be checked 90 minutes before each session for cancellation. Mark Z reported he is already getting cancellations. George will pick up awards. Becky will give awards at appropriate time during tournament, more than likely on Sunday. John and Mark Z will set up bid boxes and tables.

May Sectional: No discussion

August Regional: Linda Seibert has had a question as to whether we should hold Personal Choice Pairs instead of Barometer Pairs. Mike does not recommend, decided to stay with Barometer Pairs. The agenda for the Regional was discussed. Linda Seibert moved that charity game be Tuesday and Saturday, not Wednesday and Saturday. Lee Seconded. Motion carried.

299er Tournament: Mark Z Flyers and publicity are out. We are advised to call newcomers and IN rather than Novices.

Old Business: Lee reported that the swatches have not yet arrived. He will have numbers in February. Becky asked Lee to be sure he brings a recovered table and material choices to the Board in February.

Committee Reports:

Datebook: Karen Erlanger

Karen will start in March for next year.

Education: Lee Hastings

Lee discussed scholarships for bridge camps in July. We will offer two scholarships if we have applicants, one to the camp Unit 143. One is for elementary (5th and 6th graders) and one is for high schoolers.

Membership: Jay Shah

Jay has done new member letters, included datebook. There is a breakdown of new members on website.

Unit Games: Mark Boswell

Mark B scheduled Unit Game in STAC week. He changed to the correct week and has let appropriate people know.

Website: Mary Dolan and John Antognoli

In Mary's absence, John reported all items for 2017 calendar have been updated and completed.

Becky made a Publicity report. If there are any changes to the Regional agenda, they must be given to Debbie Romero no later than the February Board meeting.

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New Business: None Our next meeting will be February 8, 2017, at Creve Coeur Police Dept. Mark B moved to adjourn. Lee seconded. Meeting was adjourned.	