

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday April 12, 2023

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

Attendees: Mark Boswell, Mark Zellmer, Steve Russell, Dennis Abeln, Don Chase, Terry D'Amato, Diane Deutch, Ken Obrecht, Jay Shah, John Welte

Absent: Sandy Bigg

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the March 8, 2023 board meeting were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

President's Report

Mark Boswell had nothing to report.

Vaccination Policy

ACBL's COVID 19 Protocols effective May 15 drop the vaccination requirement and leave it up to the sponsoring organizations. District 8 owns the Regionals in its territory and has decided to let the sponsoring units decide vaccination policy. Mark Boswell reported that St Louis Bridge Center decided to let Unit 143 decide policy for events held there. After discussion, a motion was made to have Unit 143 recommend vaccinations but not require proof of vaccinations. The motion passed with one objection. Mark Boswell will provide a statement announcing this in the President's letter on Unit 143's website.

March 2023 499er Tournament

John reported the tournament lost \$343.03. Table counts were similar to September 2022's 499er. Low attendance was attributed to carryover I/N dissatisfaction with the May 2022 and Jan 2023 Sectionals.

May 2023 Sectional

Dennis announced that Beth Percich and Bob McDill passed ACBL's Tournament Director test. They also met the additional requirements of Peter Wilke, the assigned ACBL Tournament Director. So, they will assist Peter at the May 2023 Sectional instead of importing an out-of-town ACBL director at higher expense.

Mark Zellmer will arrange for two guest speakers 30 minutes before start of the Friday and Saturday afternoon sessions. Mark Z suggested scheduling the presentations before the morning sessions in the future.

Jay has one caddy lined up for the May Sectional and is working on the second. Two caddies are needed for each of the Sunday sessions. The directors will handle the caddy work on the 499er side.

Diane inquired about hotel recommendations for the May Sectional. Mark B and Terry had already done that, available on the website via the Tournaments/Unit Games tab.

Mark Boswell will present awards.

October Sectional

ACBL and District 8 have approved adding I/N Regionals to be run in conjunction with our open events at our October 2023 and January 2024 Sectionals.

Bylaw Revisions

Mark Boswell reported he has been working on bylaw revisions.

Website

Terry reported she had modified the functions of the buttons on the left side of the home page so as to make accessing the main pages under those buttons more intuitive.

Terry also expressed concern that the website can be maintained only by Milt Zlatic. Terry said Milt should document the routine work that he performs so others can pick up if he is unavailable. Mark Boswell agreed to talk to Milt about this.

The next board meeting will be May 10, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Submitted by Dennis Abein April 19, 2023.