

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2021

Location: The meeting was conducted on-line using ZOOM due to risk of COVID-19 Virus

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Maureen Curran, Terry D'Amato, Diane Deutch, John Welte, Mark Zellmer.

Absent: Mark Boswell, Ken Obrecht, Jan Potts, Kelly White

The meeting was called to order by President John Welte at 7:05 PM.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January board meeting were submitted by Dennis via e-mail, then revised and resubmitted. Revision 1 of the minutes was approved as submitted.

President's Report:

John reported that Don Chase had been nominated to serve on the board. Don joined the meeting and gave some details of his background. John then placed Don in a separate Zoom room, and the board discussed the nomination. The nomination was approved without objection. Don then rejoined the meeting. (Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that Don will fill the board position previously held by Jay Shah, who was re-elected for a fourth term in error last fall. Under the bylaws, Don's term will be 'appointed' and will end October 2023.)

John reported that Estella Lau has resigned from the board about two weeks ago.

The ACBL hasn't yet made a decision on cancelling tournaments beyond May 1.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly had submitted the monthly treasurer's report via email. The report was approved as submitted.

District 8 Report: Mark B. Absent, no report.

Tournaments: Mike C. Absent, no report.

Committee Reports

Awards: Mark B, absent, no report.

Bidding Boxes & Time Clocks: Mark B, absent, no report.

Caddies: Maureen. No activity.

Datebook: Dennis. No activity.

Membership: John hadn't contacted Jay to check on whether he was willing to send welcome packets to new members. Jan agreed to contact new members by phone as part of the New Player Services effort. Kelly will send the monthly in-out report to Jan so she knows who the new members are.

Publicity: Estella, who has resigned. John reported that Estella was willing to help train her replacement.

299r Tournaments: Ken. No activity

Unit Electronic Contact: Kelly. No activity.

Unit Games: Mark B, absent, no report.

Website: Terry asked new board member Don Chase for a bio and a photo to post on the unit website. Terry will also contact Jay to offer putting his club information placed on the unit website.

Hospitality: Diane. No activity.

Camp Scholarships: Jan, absent, no report.

Education: Mark Z. No activity.

New Player Services: Jan, absent, no report.

District 8 Advocate: Debbie, absent, no report. (Debbie did contribute a nice article to the recent District 8 Advocate.)

Finance: Ken O, absent, no report.

Nominations: Mark Z. Mark will seek a replacement for Estella.

Bylaws/Rules Review: Dennis, no activity.

Photographer: Diane, no activity.

Old Business:

John reported that the StL Bridge Center returned their old Bridge Pads to the manufacturer. John also reported that St Louis Bridge Center is unwilling to rent their new scoring equipment to Unit 143 for use in tournaments. Scoring equipment won't be needed until the next tournament, Fall Sectional soonest.

John reported that the St Louis Bridge Center has agreed to let us store the unit's boards and dealing machine at their facility at no cost.

John reported on a meeting he had with Mike Carmen, Debbie Romero and Dennis Abeln to discuss what Unit 143 should be doing to prepare for future tournaments. Result was nothing at this time.

Discussion held in January about who will duplicate the boards ahead of each tournament. John agreed to follow up. (Not discussed in February meeting.)

New Business:

The board voted to change the regular monthly board meeting schedule to every other month, until further notice. Next meeting will be in April.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be conducted using Zoom on Wednesday, April 14, 2020 at 7 pm and will be conducted via ZOOM. John will send meeting invitations

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln, Secretary. Rev 2, April 8, 2020