

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2021

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

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

Absent: Don Chase, Diane Deutch, Ken Obrecht, Jan Potts, , Kelly White.

Non-board members in attendance: Phyllis Siegel.

The meeting was called to order by President John Welte at 7:03 PM.

The by-laws call for a quorum of 50% of the sitting members of the board, which was satisfied.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from June board meeting was approved as submitted.

President's Report: John had e-mailed ACBL's policy for Face-to-Face Tournaments and an associated scorecard. The requirements include face masks for all, vaccinations for all and 11 ft table spacing.

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

District 8 Report: Mark Boswell. No activity.

Tournaments: Mike C. Absent, no report.

Committee Reports

Awards: Mark Boswell. Need to hand out new life master pins. Mark will get with Kelly to extract the recipients from the In-Out Reports.

Unit Games: Mark Boswell. Mark reported that ACBL is allowing Unit Games in the remainder of 2021. Mark reported that Beth Percich said the Bridge Center would prefer to run as many Unit Games as possible so as to increase attendance. Mark will work to schedule as many Unit Games as possible this year and also schedule unit games for 2022. (Mark subsequently reported that ACBL requires all Unit Games to be face-to-face, not on-line.)

Bidding Boxes and Time Clocks: Mark Boswell. No activity.

Caddies: Maureen. No activity.

Membership: Jay Shah submitted a membership breakdown via email. Total unit membership is 1146, down 23 from Dec 31, 2020.

Publicity: The position remains vacant.

Nominations: Mark Zellmer. No success yet in finding nominee to fill the open board position.

299er Tournaments: Ken, absent, no report. A lengthy discussion on planning for the September I/N tournament took place. Details are not reported herein because a subsequent decision was made to cancel the tournament.

Unit Electronic Contact: Kelly. Absent, no report.

Website: Terry. Terry is keeping the website up to date. Schedules for Face-to-Face games and Virtual Games are both up-to-date.

Hospitality: Diane. Absent, no report.

Scholarship: Jan. Absent, no report.

Education: Mark Zellmer. Mark said he would be willing to make a presentation prior to the Swiss game on the Sunday of the I/N sectional.

New Player Services: Jan. Absent, no report.

District 8 Advocate: Debbie Romero. Absent, no report.

Finance: Ken. Absent, no report.

Bylaws/Rules Review: Dennis will work to have bylaw revisions presented for approval at the next Unit 143 Sectional in January 2022. .

Old Business: None.

New Business: The general issue of holding face-to-face tournaments this year was discussed. Main concerns were 1) light attendance and ensuing substantial financial losses, 2) ACBL's face mask requirement which will drive many players away and 3) the Delta variant of COVID-19 which is causing Missouri infections and hospitalizations to trend in an adverse direction and thereby expected to further depress attendance.

A motion was made to cancel the September I/N tournament. The motion was seconded. The motion passed without objection.

A motion was made to cancel the Fall Sectional in October. The motion was seconded. The motion passed without objection.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be conducted using ZOOM on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7PM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln July 17, 2021.