

**Minutes for Board Meeting, June 13, 2018  
ACBL Unit 143 Board of Directors**

**Attendees:** Becky Hubert, President; Dianne Glick, Secretary; Jeff Kopolow, Treasurer; Debbie Romero; Dennis Abeln; Lee Hastings; Linda Seibert; Mark Ziegelman; Lee Hastings; Mary Dolan; John Antognoli; Mike Carmen and Jay Shah

**Absentees:** Mark Boswell

President Hubert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Linda moved to approve the minutes of the May, 2018, meeting for posting, seconded by Mary. Minutes were approved.

**President's Report:** Becky handed out May Sectional Tournament reports, presented by Mike.  
**Sectional:** We had no increase in IN players on Sunday. We will discuss again in July and try to make a decision then about October Sectional. Hopefully we will have feedback by then. Debbie suggested Phyllis Siegel be the contact person for recruiting people for play in the team games. We would offer Phyllis free plays. Mike also suggested we ask Phyllis her opinion on what to play on Sundays. Debbie will speak to her. Becky commented she received complaints about the condition of the dirty cards. Cards used in pairs are ours and are clean. Team events play with ACBL cards, not as clean. Mike will talk with Rick Bye. Debbie reminded Mike that results should be released immediately, not after the fact. During the tournament, it would be helpful for us to make sure to put things away and pick up trash. Written instructions would be helpful for putting food out.

**Regional:** We discussed pros and cons of new schedule at Regional. Some people like and some don't. We discussed bracketed Swiss events and the benefit to newer players. Debbie will do short talks with novices at Bridge Center to encourage play. Also, multiple emails were suggested, as well as publication on the Website. The emails will include novice fact sheet. It will be sent middle of July and first part of August, as well as daily during the tournament. Jay will be in charge of email blast, and Mary in charge of website. Website information will mirror that of emails. Debbie will write up information on Swiss teams vs pairs. Also, she has informational sheet on bracketed Swiss teams and regular Swiss. She will also have advance copies of Regional Schedule. Debbie suggested staying after game at Bridge Center to explain all this, as well as handouts.

Lee will do the education at Bridge Haven on Regional events.

Becky led a discussion reviewing cost-saving measures for the Regional, approved by the Board throughout the last 9 months.

The topic of Purple Pass was brought up again. Based on further research, we all agreed to support our original decision to not use the Purple Pass at this year's Regional.

John reported that he has all necessary signs. Room reservations continue to increase each week. Currently the count is 143. We need considerably more reservations and will monitor reservations each week.

Mike announced we do have a bookseller.

**Hospitality:** Mike analyzed our food needs based on the new schedules and expected attendance. It appears our hospitality requirements will be met.

Debbie researched ACBL statistics regarding attendance and found most Regionals and ACBL Nationals are experiencing a 10%-14% decline recently. She congratulated Mike for having chaired our tournaments, which, to date, have not experienced the national trends.

We may need an extra Board meeting in late August or early September to evaluate our willingness to finalize our 2020-2022 contracts.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff K. Treasurer's report was accepted as posted by email.

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**Old Business:** Lee presented quotes from Amazon, Costco and Target to replace tables in ill repair. It would be less expensive if we order on line. Mike is checking with the hotel to see whether they will accept drop shipment. Dianne moved, pending hotel's agreement, that we go ahead with purchase. Linda seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Awards:** Mark B absent. No report. At last meeting, Mark stated that Awards for Regional are set to go.

**Bidding Boxes:** John reported that boxes look good and are ready.

**Caddies:** Debbie R. She has no caddies at the moment. Morning and afternoon games need 3, evening needs 2. She has Caddies on the weekend and Friday evening.

**Datebook:** Dennis. No report.

**District 8 Report:** Debbie R. Debbie gave a detailed report of the District 8 meeting held in May at the Champaign Regional. Of particular note, the ACBL approved the transfer of Unit 154 from District 8 to District 12 at the recent March Nationals. Given the loss of the Ft. Wayne Regional, District 8 will no longer have a split regional between Crystal Lake and Effingham. Both will be stand alone regionals, and the Effingham Regional may be scheduled in September rather than June beginning in 2019. The ACBL is looking for a new CEO. In the interim, Joe Jones is serving as the acting CEO.

**Education:** Lee H. Lee brought up the subject of scholarships being awarded to bridge camps outside District 8 (specifically the Michigan Camp) for applicant within Unit 143. Someone else brought up that our website stated the Unit supported the Carlinville camp and had previously agreed to support the St. Joseph camp. We decided that, since we advertised not supporting camps outside District 8 for Unit scholarships, we would not support the Michigan Camp. A motion was made, seconded and carried to that effect.

**Membership:** Jay S. Jay sent email with his report.

**Partnership:** Linda S. Need list of helpers to man partnership, scheduling 1/2 hour that ends 15 minutes before start of game.

**Nominating:** Linda S. Linda will make her report in July.

**Publicity:** Debbie R. All publicity is scheduled for Regional.

**Unit Games:** Mark B. Mark absent - no report.

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**Website:** Mary D. and John A. No further report.

**Adjournment:** There being no New Business, Lee moved to adjourn. Mary seconded. Next meeting will be July 11, 2018, at Creve Coeur Police Station, to be conducted by Mark B.