

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2019

Location: Creve Coeur Government Center Meeting Room 2

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Terry D'Amato, John Antognoli, Mark Boswell, Diane Deutch, Estella Lau, Debbie Romero, Jay Shah, and John Welte. **Absent:** Lee Hastings, Larry LaBrier, Kelly White

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Boswell at 7:01 PM.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from last month's meeting were submitted by Dennis Abeln via e-mail. The minutes were approved as submitted.

President's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Tournaments: Mike Carmen participated by speaker phone.

January Sectional: The January Sectional lost \$3,782. We had 19.3% fewer tables than last year. Bad weather reduced Saturday morning attendance. I/N participation is down.

May Sectional: A motion was made to change the May Sectional as follows: Change all I/N games from 0-299 to 0-499, and change the I/N games on Sunday to two-session Swiss (no pairs). The motion passed. Estelle will revise the flyer and submit it to ACBL.

August Regional: Mike had submitted an e-mail on Feb 12 outlining his recommendations for the August Regional, as follows:

- Change times to 10:00, 2:30, and 7:30 (this allows about 1 hour between the morning/afternoon sessions and 1 1/2 hours between the afternoon/evening sessions + avoids the bulk of the rush-hour traffic)
- Add a 1-session Swiss Team on Wednesday evening
- Replace the 2nd evening 3-session KO with a Thursday/Friday evening Swiss (2nd evening KO had no one interested)
- Replace the Saturday evening Combo Pairs with a zip Swiss (Combo Pairs had minimal interest)
- Eliminate the 2-session Fast Pairs on Sunday (only 3 tables last year)
- Eliminate the 2 single-session 299er Pairs on Sunday (no interest last year)

Mike's proposal was amended as follows: Eliminate the I/N pairs games on Tues evening through Saturday evening due to poor attendance last year (keep the Monday evening I/N pairs game); Change all I/N games from 0-299 to 0-499. The amended motion passed.

A motion was made to buy just one full page ad in the Bridge Bulletin for the Regional. The motion passed.

(Mike Carmen's phone participation ended.)

March I/N Sectional (John Welte coordinating) John instructed to consult with Beth Percich on how to handle cash. Trophies will be given out for pairs games only – Mark Boswell will bring them. John will work to get an e-mail blast. Debbie will come 30 minutes early on Sunday to discuss Swiss tactics. An announcement about Debbie's presentation should be posted on the unit's webpage. Phyllis and Mike Arnheim will be asked to promote the Sunday Swiss games at their team games. Photos of winners will be taken by John W. John W circulated a sign-up sheet for assistance at this tournament.

Committee Reports: President Mark Boswell dispensed with the committee reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be March 13, 2019 at the regular location

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Abeln, Recording Secretary, March 10, 2019.