

ACBL Unit 143 Board Meeting Minutes, Monday, March 10, 2025.

Location: The meeting was conducted online using Zoom.

Attendees: Dennis Abeln, Sandy Bigg, Don Chase, Terry D'Amato, Ken Eiger, Jay Shah, Janet Vontz, John Welte, and Mark Zellmer.

Absent: Dian Brazier, Tod Moses, and Steve Russell.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

President's Message

Dennis will resign from running tournaments effective when he submits the final October tournament financial report. He has done a great job.

Sandy said she does not want to take on the tournament chair role but would step in temporarily to help with the January tournament if necessary.

Dennis will stay on the board. He is in the second year of his third three-year term.

Dian Brazier resigned effective immediately. We need a replacement for hospitality chair. Dian will continue to help the new chair.

John Welte asked to be relieved of scheduling the Unit Games and Charity games. Don Chase agreed to take over scheduling Unit Games and Charity games. John will finish 2025.

The upcoming I/N tournament will need hospitality coordination.

I/N Tournament

John will contact Dian for a shopping list. Diane Deutch may coordinate hospitality.

Mark will drop trophies off at the Center.

2 sessions in the morning and 2 sessions in the afternoon.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 10 meeting. It was approved unanimously.

Jack Bryant Spring Sectional

Do we have a second director? Beth will work Friday evening.

Life Master Pins and Mini McKinney certificates will be presented first thing Friday morning.

Don Chase suggested the Jack Bryant Spring Sectional be made the permanent name. That is tabled for the next meeting.

Regional Tournament

Bracketed pairs will be dropped. We will have the same schedule as last year minus evening Swiss teams.

Thursday's Swiss will be stratified.

Sandy sent out an ad for the May Bulletin and will prepare another ad for the July Bulletin.

Dennis reported that Peter offered to make flyers available at the various tournaments he directs.

Player of the Year

Linda Bryant will keep an unofficial running total of Masterpoints for players who are competing for POTY. These will be posted on the website. Milt will keep the official running total. Milt and Linda will resolve any discrepancies and any unresolved discrepancies will divert to Milt's numbers.

Committees

Publicity

Sandy will put a Pianola blast for the Regional at the beginning of April. The Sectional blast has already gone out.

Our flyer is already posted on the ACBL website.

Nominating Committee

We are short two members. Mark Zellmer is searching for possible board members. Sandy offered to fill in while another tournament chair is located.

Tod Moses is not an active board member and may be asked to relinquish his seat for someone who has more availability. He will be asked to review the finances with Steve Russell once a year.

Old business

The ad hoc education committee will report at the next meeting.

No new business

The next meeting will be April 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.