Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2016

ACBL Unit 143 Board of Directors

Attendees: Linda Seibert, Pres.; Mary Dolan, VP; John Antognoli; Mark Boswell; Karen Erlanger; Dianne Glick; Lee Hastings, George Hawley; Becky Hubert; Jay Shah; Mark Ziegelman; guest Mike Carmen

Absentees: Jeff Kopolow, Treasurer

President Seibert called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Minutes of the October meeting were approved for posting with a motion by Hastings, seconded by Erlanger.. Treasurer's report was accepted for file.

Presidents Report: Seibert stated she was appreciative of being President of the Unit for the past two years. She also shared some thoughts from our current Treasurer, Jeff Kopolow regarding his replacement in a year. Jay Shah offered to be trained.

Tournament Report: Mike Carmen

October Sectional: Financial goals were not met at the tournament due to lower attendance. Overall there were 50 fewer tables with 30 of them associated with the Novice group. Mike Carmen offered an analysis of attendance. Because the Sectional fees have remained unchanged for 11 years and the Sectionals have basically broken even or lost money for several years, Mark Boswell moved that the fee structure be increased by \$2 for all events bringing fees to \$12 for open events and \$10 for Novice events. The timing will be dependent on the printing of the January Sectional postcards. If they have already been printed, the new fees will be effective in May 2017; if the cards have not been printed, the new fees will be effective January 2017. Motion was seconded by Becky Hubert. Motion was discussed and passed unanimously. January Sectional: Tournament planning is proceeding. Events will remain the same.

Old Business: 70 tables need to be repaired or replaced. Lee offered to have one table recovered for our review and to price the job per table. The board will decide to recover/repair or purchase at the next meeting.

Publicity: No report

Unit Games: Mark reported on his talks with Mike Arnheim and Janet Vontz regarding two Unit Games on Wednesday nights.

Website: Mary Dolan reported on the updates. Mary asked that new Board members submit pictures and bios for the website.

Membership: New member and Transfer-In letters have been mailed. Current Unit 143 membership 1377.

Date Book: Karen Erlanger reported the new datebook has been distributed.

Education: Mark Ziegelman reported there was no update.

New Business: Meritorious Service Awards: Milt Zlatic will receive the award in January and planning is on schedule. Becky Hubert is purchasing gift and writing comments.

Facebook Presence Proposal; A member has requested the Unit create and Facebook page. After discussion, it was decided to take no action on the suggestion.

The Board discussed the room reservations at the Creve Coeur Police Station for next year. Because we continue to have Creve Coeur residence, our fee is \$10 per month.

Officer Election: Mary Dolan moved that Becky Hubert for the President position. Karen Erlanger seconded. The motion passed. Becky Hubert moved that Mark Boswell serve as Vice President. Lee Hastings seconded the motion and it carried. Dianne Glick moved that Jeff Kopolow serve another year as Treasurer; Jay Shah seconded and the motion passed.

Next meeting is December 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Creve Coeur Police Department.

Seibert adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Hubert