

Unit 157 Board of Directors Meeting  
October 9, 2010  
Oxford, AL

Attending: O.T. Johnson, Don Kemp, Ann Lilly, Kris Oliver, Bill Parrish, Jerri Taylor, Len Block, Lee Stimson, Chris Caine.

The meeting was called to order by Unit 157 President, O. T. Johnson. He distributed the treasurer's report supplied by Aaron Maryanow. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

New business: The committee appointed by O.T. for the nomination and election of officers presented their proposed slate of officers. The nominees are: Bill Parrish, President; Frank Cook, Vice-President; Molly Currie, Secretary; Len Block, Treasurer. The slate was approved unanimously by the board. (This slate was also approved by acclamation at the open member meeting the following day.)

Montgomery member Michael Lawson was suggested as a candidate for the Goodwill Committee. Nominations for this are due October 10, O.T. agreed to send a letter of recommendation immediately.

Montgomery requested permission to hold a one-day sectional aimed at introducing their Easy Bridge students to competitive bridge. This single day event will be limited to players with less than 299 MP's. A motion was made and seconded to approve this event. Motion carried.

A discussion of the master point limits for the Montgomery sectional brought to light that there does not seem to be an ACBL policy regarding master point limits for NLM tournaments. Len Block was asked to contact the ACBL for clarification. The ACBL's response is included here:

*A Non-Life Master Tournament is open to anyone who is not a Life Master. I can't find any restrictions beyond that. Some tournaments impose further restrictions, NLM/0-500 for example. I hope that this answers your question. From Ken Horwedel on behalf of Butch Campbell.*

Len requests that the board meet again during the Birmingham Sectional in November to address this issue. His request is included here.

*I strongly recommend that all NLM tournaments sponsored by a Unit 157 club be limited to 499 master points. If the intent of these tournaments is to get new players to learn the enjoyment of playing tournament bridge, they should not have to face players who have significantly more experience than they but do not go to regionals to acquire the necessary Red and Gold points.*

O.T. will look for a GNT chairman, and will work with the club managers to schedule these games.

The Anniston club requested reimbursement for half the cost of 10 bridgepads, half of \$700. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

Montgomery requested reimbursement for half of the unreimbursed cost of their Easy Bridge program. Part of the advertising and expenses are to be reimbursed by the district, the unit is asked to reimburse half the cost not reimbursed. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

Jerri Taylor presented the names nominated for the Unit 157 Awards of Excellence:

Eileen Hedrick was nominated by John Randall for the SCBC.  
Kittie Hill was nominated by Lee Stimson for MBC.  
Fred Lawrence was nominated by Don Kemp for BCA.

Bill Parrish read a letter of appreciation from the members of the Flight C Grand National Team that represented District 10 in New Orleans in August. The team members were very appreciative of the financial support that the Unit gave them to help defray their costs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann Lilly*

Ann Lilly, secretary