

Unit 157 Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2011
Birmingham, AL

Attending: Bill Parrish, Don Kemp, Chris Caine, Jerri Taylor, Len Block, O.T. Johnson, Iris Bjorn, Frank Cook, Molly Currie, Abe Zanayed.

The meeting was called to order by Unit 157 President, Bill Parrish. Copies of the October 9, 2010, and November 12, 2010, minutes were approved as written. Len Block, treasurer, handed out the Alabama Bridge balance sheets for year end as well as January 31, 2011. These were also approved. O.T. Johnson questioned whether an audit had been done? Len Block, upon request by Bill Parrish, will follow up on plans to have one done in the near future.

O.T. Johnson, past president, received applause from the board for an outstanding two years. He was also thanked for his letter of recommendation for Montgomery member, Michael Lawson, who was selected for the Goodwill Committee.

New business: Don Kemp, our representative at the district meeting recently held in Biloxi, gave the following report:

David Siebert was reelected for a third term as president. Don Kern will serve as vice-president; Judy Knox, secretary; Lynne Logan, treasurer.

The championship flight of the 2011 GNT will be at the Shreveport Split Regional April 25. Klussman is the youth coordinator for the district, and announced at the meeting that \$500 had been given to a young girl to attend the NABC in Toronto.

Beginning in 2012, ACBL will take over running the regional tournaments at sea. Apparently, Larry Cohen's group made \$100,000 profit on a recent regional at sea.

Bill Cook reported that there would be a 4% increase in fees per session for tournament directors beginning April 1.

There were 11,000 new members, but there was a net loss of 197 members, making ACBL total membership at 165,052. Regional tournament participation was strong with average of 1490 tables. There were 15 fewer sectional tournaments so total table count was down. Club games were steady; STAC games, as well as online games increased during 2010.

Bill Parrish announced that Montgomery would have qualifying round for GNP Sunday, February 20, with qualifying games scheduled in Birmingham and Anniston for Saturday, February 26. Sandy Smith, Birmingham club manager, suggested that a section be added at the annual Valentine sectional for unit qualifying. The board will investigate this possibility.

Abe Zanayed asked if someone had been appointed to the North American Pairs committee. Bill Parrish will check on replacement for this committee, as well as a replacement for unit recorder.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Currie, Secretary