

Unit 157 Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2010
Birmingham, AL

Attending: Aaron Maryanow, Ann Lilly, Don Kemp, Len Block, Lee Stimson, O.T. Johnson, Iris Bjorn, Dane Kusler, Abe Zanayed, Jerry Lou Powell and Ann Richmond.

The meeting was called to order by Unit 157 President, O.T. Johnson. Minutes of the last meeting were summarized by Ann Lilly. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Aaron Maryanow presented the treasurer's report which reflected the Unit's current position, as well as a comparison with last year's income and expenditures. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The report was approved as presented.

Old Business: The tables Kris Oliver requested have been ordered and the bill presented. The tables and bidding boxes to replace worn out ones have not yet been ordered for the unit. Abe Zanayed has volunteered to be the "custodian/record keeper" for the tangible assets for unit 157. It was suggested that he team with Doug Hoadley and determine what we have on hand and what is needed.

New Business: O.T. announced that he will appoint a committee to nominate a new slate of officers at the May meeting of the Unit board. He indicated that he would not be willing to serve a second term.

Standardization of Tournament entry fees and stratifications within the unit: Discussion of this subject included the fact that the costs related to playing space varied greatly within the unit. Also it was pointed out that the stratifications were set to reflect the playing population of the area. It was determined that more information needed to be gathered before this issue could reasonably be addressed by the board. The board asks that Tournament Chairs keep an eye on the numbers of tables in the different strats and adjust the strats if the population warrants.

Reimbursement for Director Training: There is a unit policy in place to reimburse the course costs of becoming a certified ACBL director or teacher. Travel, meals and other incidental expenses are not covered. Board members are requested to let their clubs know that this is in the board policy.

Committee Reports: NAP coordinator Abe Zanayed said there would be 3 NAP qualifying events this year, in Birmingham, Montgomery and Anniston. The dates of these are to be finalized and announced later.

The GNT qualifier in Montgomery is scheduled for March 14. The GNT qualifying game in Birmingham has not been scheduled as yet. The district-wide GNT final is in Jackson, Mississippi April 23-25. (thank you, Don).

The tentative District 10 regional schedule for 2010-2016 includes a Birmingham/Hot Springs split regional in 2012, and full regionals in 2014 and 2016 in Birmingham. The regional schedule will be revisited at District 10 board meetings prior to the end of that time period, and will probably be revised based on attendance at current locations and the highly possible resumption of annual regionals in Biloxi.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Lilly, Secretary