

Minutes of Unit 157 Board Meeting

8 October 2016

Attendees:

Michael DeVivo, Unit President
Michael Lawson, Unit Vice-President
Bee Chapman, BDBC Representative
Otis Manar, BDBC Representative
Keith Henderson, BDBC Representative
Chuck Kelly, District 10 Representative
Molly Currie, BDBC Representative
Robert Whiting, Bridge Over Doubled Waters Representative
Mary Elizabeth Conaway, BDBC Representative
Sherry Kamber, BDBC Representative
Don Kemp, Anniston Bridge Club Representative
Faye Whidbee, Auburn Bridge Club Representative
Janet Brown, Gadsden Bridge Club Representative

Michael DeVivo, Unit President, called the meeting to order. Mike invited all to enjoy a delicious meal of Italian food while the meeting was conducted

Old Business:

- Mike DeVivo handed out copies of the previous meeting's minutes for all to review. Mike asked for corrections to same, and none were offered. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and passed.
- Mike DeVivo handed out copies of the treasurer's report. As of October 1, 2016, the unit had a balance of \$22,789.22. This represented a gain of \$3,017.60 since the beginning of the year. No additional revenue was anticipated for the remainder of the year. Given anticipated expenses to be approved later in the meeting, it is expected that the unit would incur an

operating loss of a couple thousand dollars for calendar year 2016. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed.

- Sherry Kamber gave the Education Liaison Report. She noted that no new requests for funding have been made. She also stated that educational reimbursement requests from the unit to District 10 remain unpaid. Gayle Morgan has contacted Russ Jones and is awaiting a response to the question of if/when the unit might expect to receive payment. She also notified the board that the Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club planned to hold a Bridge in a Day Training Program on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Otis Manar provided additional details. Other clubs within the unit were invited to participate by sending students and teachers who could assist the students. Teachers could then be trained to teach this course at their own clubs. Additional details will be forthcoming.
- There was no report from the Tournament Coordinator, but Mike DeVivo noted that he was unaware of any problems with scheduling tournaments.
- Keith Henderson gave the report of the nominating committee. Michael Lawson, Unit 157 Vice President, declined nomination to be the next President. Therefore, the following slate of officers was proposed: President – Keith Henderson; Vice President – Michael Berndt; Secretary – Iris Bjorn; Treasurer – Gayle Morgan. After brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept this slate of officers for nomination at the general membership meeting to occur at the conclusion of the board meeting.
- Chuck Kelly presented the report of the most recent District 10 Board of Delegates meeting (attached). Robert Whiting gave Mike DeVivo a copy of the District 10 Regional Tournament Rotation Survey and asked for our input. Mike polled the board for responses to each question and will return the survey to Chuck Wilkinson as requested.
- Mike DeVivo passed out copies of the revised policy on educational expense reimbursement and the new policy on creating a fund to replace the unit's tangible assets that were approved at the last board meeting. The board concurred that the policies accurately reflected its wishes. Robert Whiting then asked how he should determine the amount his club would owe to the tangible assets fund given that his club had no formal membership requirements. Several suggestions were offered, including charging a \$2 fee

to each player the first time they played at his club each year or reviewing previous player data to estimate the size of his membership. The board indicated that a reasonable good faith effort from clubs that do not have formal membership requirements would be acceptable.

New Business:

- Chuck Kelly requested 50% reimbursement for a new Dealer 4 machine and printer. The board approved the request in the amount of \$2,314.50, and a check was issued to the Bridge Club of Anniston after the meeting.
- Faye Whidbee requested 50% reimbursement for a new Dealmaster Pro machine and accompanying software. The board approved the request in the amount of \$2,415.79 and a check was issued to the Auburn Duplicate Bridge Club after the meeting.
- Janet Brown requested 50% reimbursement for two new bridge pads due to increased table count at her club. The board approved the request in the amount of \$158.95, and the treasurer will be instructed to send a check payable to the Gadsden Bridge Club to Janet Brown.
- Mike DeVivo stated that he had received a notice from ACBL asking for an updated listing of officers and board members given upcoming elections. He asked Michael Lawson to notify him of whom the Montgomery club would like to name as their three representatives for next year. Mike DeVivo will give the new complete roster to Iris Bjorn once BDBC elections are held and the Montgomery club has made its decision so that she can update ACBL accordingly.

There being no further business, Mike asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made, seconded, and passed.

Unit 157 General Membership Meeting – October 8, 2016

Mike DeVivo then announced the call to order of the 2016 general membership meeting of Unit 157 and invited all others present to attend. Mike indicated the Treasurer's report had already been presented at the board meeting and was available for inspection. He then presented the recommendation of the board that the following slate of officers be approved for 2017-2018: Keith Henderson – President; Michael Berndt – Vice President; Iris Bjorn – Secretary; Gayle Morgan

– Treasurer. While not objecting to the proposed slate, Clay Hall noted that the unit usually had officers from more than one club and that all these proposed officers were from the Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club. Mike DeVivo noted that Iris Bjorn was affiliated with the Tuscaloosa club and that Gayle Morgan was affiliated with Abe’s Bridge Club in addition to being members of the BDBC. It was also noted that the Montgomery club was represented on the nominating committee and that Michael Lawson, the current Vice President from the Montgomery club had declined nomination to succeed as President. There being no further nominations or discussion, the slate was approved unanimously and will take office effective January 1, 2017.

There being no further business, Mike asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike DeVivo on behalf of *Iris Bjorn*, Unit 157 Secretary