

ACBL Unit 157
Minutes, November 21, 2009 Birmingham, AL

Vice-President Bill Parrish called the meeting to order in place of O. T. Johnson who was out of town.

The first order of business was an open membership meeting to vote on the proposal to amend article 5 of the Unit 157 by-laws and adjust the board representation to more accurately reflect the population. This will increase the number of representatives to the board from Birmingham to 7, Montgomery will retain 3 representatives and each of the other clubs in the unit would have 1 representative. There were very few unit members present for the meeting, and a question arose as to the legality of taking a vote with so few present, but according to the by-laws, the vote was legal and the amendment passed.

The General membership meeting was adjourned and the Unit Board meeting began.

In addition to Bill, the following board members were present: Aaron Maryanow, Richard Telkamp, Abe Zanayed, Don Kemp, Len Block, Lee Stimson, Kris Oliver and Ann Lilly. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as revised.

The Treasurer distributed the financial reports. Aaron addressed a question about how the profits from tournaments in the Unit were distributed and how the profit-sharing concept was impacted by regionals and split regionals. After this, the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

In old business, Kris Oliver presented a request for 3 tables to be used for her program at the Jewish Community Center. These tables would be purchased by the board, ownership retained by the board and the tables so labeled. In conjunction with this request, Richard Telkamp made a motion to appoint a "custodian" of the tangible assets of the unit, those assets being tables, bidding boxes, box inserts, etc. He pointed out the need for someone to oversee the use and lending policies, and notify the board when things need to be repaired or replaced. As a follow-up to O.T. Johnson's request at the October meeting, a request was also made to purchase 20 additional tables and 140 bidding boxes with inserts for the unit. It was suggested that Doug Hoadley, who has worked tirelessly to transport boxes and tables to playing sites, be appointed the custodian, another suggestion was that this would be a standing committee of the board. The motion was made and passed to appoint a committee and a request was made that Kris and Doug would consult about tables and work together to get the best tables for the best price.

In the next order of business, the board voted to reimburse the Bridge Club of Anniston for one half of the expenses related to their Easybridge II class. After reimbursement by the various other resources, the remaining expenses are \$224 for advertising and \$200 for instructor fees, for a total \$424, so the Unit 157 portion is \$212.

The final order of business was a request by Richard Telkamp for reimbursement of expenses for the mentor/mentee program which is currently run in Birmingham. The program was presented as a bridge education program and a number of items were listed for reimbursement. After some discussion, it was determined that advertising expenses could be requested from the ACBL and District 10, both of which have policies in place for the reimbursement of advertising expenses for educational programs. It was also determined that food would not be reimbursed by the Unit, but ACBL table fees and Game Director compensation for each mentor would be eligible for reimbursement. Aaron requested that appropriate documentation be presented with the reimbursement request. A motion was made and passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lilly
Secretary