

ACBL Unit 157  
Minutes, October 10, 2009 Oxford, AL

President O.T. Johnson called the meeting to order. In addition to O.T., the following were present: Judy Johnson, Bill Parrish, Richard Telkamp, Abe Zanayed, Herb Stappenbeck, Don Kemp, Norma Temple, Mary Jo Howard, Clair Chisler, and Kris Oliver. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as revised.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the President distributed the financial reports. He also read a letter from Tournament Coordinator Frank Galloway regarding the August Birmingham Regional and reported that the Unit received a check for \$3,944, which was the Unit's share of the profits.

Abe Zanayed, NAP Coordinator, announced that the Unit Final qualifying game dates are October 18th in Montgomery and October 31st in Birmingham. O.T. Johnson announced that because of Bylaw requirements, the vote on the change regarding numbers of representatives has been postponed to Saturday, Nov. 21 during the Birmingham November sectional.

The President asked Abe Zanayed and Kris Oliver to report on new bridge programs in the Birmingham area. Abe reported that he had two tables of beginning bridge students. Kris said that she was asked by the Levite Jewish Community Center to manage a bridge program. The program consists of two sessions of supervised play with about 80 participants and a Monday afternoon open game. There was discussion of how to encourage participants to join the ACBL. The Unit has loaned bidding boxes and/or tables to these programs. The LJCC has requested expense reimbursement for the purchase of eight card tables, and it was suggested that the Unit purchase and retain title to the tables. Kris said that she would discuss this with the LJCC and see what their wishes were.

There was discussion of Unit owned bidding boxes and tables. O.T. Johnson expressed his support of lending Unit supplies to assist teaching and new game efforts. It was brought up that the Unit and Birmingham bidding boxes have become co-mingled and a current inventory needs to be taken. Don Kemp confirmed that the tables are the property of the Unit. Kris Oliver questioned whether the Birmingham club has been charging tournaments for rental of bidding boxes and tables, and Richard Telkamp stated to his knowledge it had not done so. O.T. Johnson proposed that if necessary, the Unit purchase additional bidding boxes and tables in order to continue to support new bridge endeavors within the Unit as well as the current activities such as Sectional and Regional tournaments.

Norma Temple presented a request from the Birmingham Club for reimbursement of the following expenditures:

1. Painting, \$1500.
2. Mentor/mentee program expenses, including lost revenue, \$972.50.
3. Deep cleaning of carpets \$350.00
4. Remodeling of the men's restroom, \$3,578.90, less \$1,000 reimbursement by the lessor.

Regarding item two, it was suggested that the Unit formulate a Unit-wide policy to encourage and support mentorship programs. This will be presented at the November meeting.

Richard Telkamp moved that the Unit reimburse the Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club for 50% of the final net expense for the painting, carpet cleaning, and restroom remodeling. Mary Jo Howard seconded, and the motion was carried.

Herb Stappenbeck commented that some Unit members from his area had traveled to Birmingham for a special NAP game, only to learn upon arrival that the game had been cancelled. There was discussion of having a Unit qualifying game in the Anniston/Oxford area and better communication if special games are cancelled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Oliver,  
Acting Secretary for Ann Lilly