

Attending: Bill Parrish, Lee Stimson, Michael DeVivo, Dianne Wammack, Len Block, Linda Randall, Don Kemp, Iris Bjorn, Chris Caine, Russell Smith, Kris Oliver, Mary Lou Henry, Molly Currie.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Parrish. Copies of the October 15, 2011, minutes were distributed. Treasurer Len Block also handed out spring and fall 2011 profit/loss statements for the Shelby County Bridge Club. He pointed out that previous information that was e-mailed was incorrect. Linda Randall, Shelby County Bridge Club representative, distributed a five year income report of monies given by the club to unit 157.

Bill Parrish thanked all who would be rotating off the board for their service to the district. Chris Caine was in attendance for her last meeting.

A request from Linda Randall that was tabled at the Oxford meeting was once again presented to the board. The Shelby County DBC, a for-profit club since March 2008, wished to have its status changed to non-profit DBC. Linda Randall pointed out that the club had given \$577.74 over the five year period per its agreement to return half the profit from all tournaments held. The most profitable tournament was in 2008; the fall 2010 and spring 2011 tournaments did not meet expectations.

Iris Bjorn asked if there were other for profit clubs? Mary Lou Henry, owner and manager of the Cullman DBC, and Kris Oliver, director of the Jewish Community DBC, stated that they represented non-profit clubs. Non-profit clubs receive a sanction from the ACBL to host tournaments, and pay a nominal amount. Our unit has given up the right to run a tournament; it only assists non-profit clubs with operating expenses. Bill Parrish stated that the unit should increase treasury by \$1000/year, but has been unable to do this. Len Block pointed out that the unit may have difficulty helping clubs in the near future. Mike DeVivo stressed the need for long range planning. Iris Bjorn suggested board could accept monies from Shelby County DBC, and then return monies when needed.

Kris Oliver questioned why \$100 (yearly average of Shelby County contribution) was significant enough to affect the unit or the Randalls? Dianne Wammack agreed that a precedent did not need to be set. A change was not needed; no vote was cast. Bill Parrish emphasized the board was only looking toward the future, and Linda Randall understood board's decision.

Len Block moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chris Caine.

Molly Currie, Secretary