

GULF COAST BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 180

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MARCH 12, 2013 5:00 – 5:45 PM

(Approval April 9, 2013)

The meeting was called to order by Richard Bussoff, President, at 5:00 pm. **Members Present:** Richard Bussoff, Betty Ann Jones, Lynne Logan, Caroline Fisher, Bruce Stinson, Pat Bannister, Ann Hough, Sylvia Briscoe, Adrienne Lane, and Arun Limaye. **Members Absent:** Michael Moses, Marilyn Kopan, Jay Segarra, and Jerry Grissom

Copies of the February 12, 2013 Board of Director's Meeting were passed out and read by all. A motion made by Pat Bannister, seconded by Sylvia Briscoe, to approve the minutes as written passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION: Lynne Logan reported that thirty-six people enrolled in Thursday Morning Bridge Class. Only two people have dropped from the class. Rick Logan will start a new class in May. Board Members need to start thinking about how to increase participation in this class.

It was acknowledged that due to the timing of the class, the class did not attract the younger population. Richard Bussoff encouraged members to propose ways to reach this population.

MEMBERSHIP: In the absent of Marilyn Kopan, Betty Ann Jones reported that Wilse Manning had reviewed the membership list for the East Area of Unit 180 noting active/inactive members. With these additional notes added, the membership list was given back to Marilyn Kopan.

Lynne Logan shared the recent ACBL Unit 180 Membership Report. The report provides the status of Unit 180 membership: paid members, second notice for renewals, etc. Copies of this report will be given to Caroline Fisher and Marilyn Kopan. It was noted that Unit 180 did include the privately owned games at Gautier and Diamondhead Clubs.

TREASURER: A written copy of the Treasurer's Reports was given to each member. Lynne Logan presented the highlights from the Balance, Profit/Lost, and Check Detail Sheets. It was noted that the insurance payment was for the year. Bruce Stinson asked what portion of the Game Fee went to ACBL. It was determine that approximate 3% of the regular game fees and

TOURNAMENT: Lynne Logan reported that all plans are underway for a successful tournament March 22-23. It was noted that the date on the website was incorrect and would be corrected immediately.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Richard Bussoff reported that the following had been scheduled: Pro-Am Game March 26, 2013 and Celebration Sunday April 21, 2013. It was noted that the Annual Award Certificates would be presented April 21, 2013.

Caroline Fisher designed the Unit 180 Letterhead Stationary and the written form letter requesting prizes from the local casinos. Sylvia Briscoe retrieved the appropriate individual names for each casino, completed/mailed the letters. A positive response of 3 prizes has been reserved from Margaretville. Jerry Grissom will chair the Prize Committee.

Richard Bussoff reported that plans for Free Play and Money Pot are still in the developmental stage.

OLD BUSINESS

Richard Bussoff requested that Ann Hough assume the leadership role for surveying the Gulfport Club Attendees for their preference for starting time. It was suggested a form with signatures be used. Bruce Stinson suggested that the survey be expanded to include other general topics such as willingness to attend a night game, fee structures, how the club can be improved, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynne Logan recommended that the Zero Tolerance Policy be implemented by the Directors. When an incident occurs, Directors need to remind the person who is not abiding by the policy.

Length of games has become a problem. ACBL requires a 10 minutes break at each game. Lynne Logan will see if the clock can be made louder. Ways to assure that the games start on time needs to be addressed.

A request was made by Sylvia Briscoe that Special Games be well advertised. Caroline Fisher/ Lynne Logan will assume this assignment.

A motion was made by Lynne Logan and seconded by Sylvia Briscoe that Bruce Stinson audit the 2012 Financial Records. The motion passed. Bruce Stinson has agreed to perform this duty without pay.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pat Banister and seconded by Lynn Logan. Motion passed.

Respectively Submitted: Betty Ann Jones

