
ACBL Unit 180 Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2016

I. Call to order

Called to order the regular meeting of the Unit 180 ACBL Board of Directors at the 4th Street Clubhouse in Gulfport, MS.

II. Attendance

The following board members were present: Robert Burnaman, Sandy Mikulenska, Rick Logan, Bruce Stinson, Kathleen Lawrence, Don Hopes, Janet Signer, Susan Thompson, Jim Crowe, Ed Guardanapo. Richard Bryant was also present.

III. Old Business

The March 2016 minutes as reported by Caroline Fisher were unanimously approved.

The board approved a \$7 fee for all special games, including charity games. Regular games will be \$6. Fee increases are necessary because on April 1 ACBL increased fees for 10-table games by 10%, directors' fees by 9%, and special-game fees by 25%.

IV. Treasury Reports

Stinson will send C. Fisher's treasury reports to the board via pdf files.

The March 2016 sectional tournament generated \$1,960 income.

V. New and Ongoing Business

Stinson reported on his and Betty Jones' meeting with IP Casino in Biloxi concerning their proposal for our 2018 regional tournament. Some members of the board voiced concern about the financial loss incurred at the January 2016 tournament. Suggestions for making the tournament profitable were to raise the game fees to \$14 or \$15, to eliminate night games, and to have more games during the day. Thompson suggested that free mini-lessons before the 0-299 games might bring in more players.

A committee will research ACBL policies for conducting games. Specific concerns are how directors are to enforce "zero tolerance" and "delay of play".

The board agreed that directors are not responsible for playing with members who arrive without partners.

Players who drink coffee will be expected to contribute 25 cents per cup to a “coffee fund”. Announcements will be made before upcoming games so everyone is aware of the new policy.

Concerns were raised about the beginner and intermediate games held in the back of the building on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Complaints included distracting noise from lessons in the back, wide discrepancy of skill levels among the players, and pressure on the intermediate players to play in the back so the games will “make”.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Thompson
Secretary