

Minutes of Unit 157 Board Meeting

11 February 2017

Attendees:

Keith Henderson, Unit President
Michael C. Berndt, Unit Vice-President
Gayle Morgan, Unit Treasurer
Iris Bjorn, Unit Secretary
Faye Whidbee, Auburn Representative
Abe Zanayed, Abe's Club Representative
Molly Currie, BDBC Representative
Dianne Wammack, BDBC Representative
Sandy Smith, BDBC Representative
Georgia Ruby, BDBC Representative
Beth Stewart, BDBC Representative
Neil Thomas, BDBC Representative
Linda Tarver, Montgomery Representative
Dorothy Norwood, Montgomery Representative

President Keith Henderson opened the meeting by handing out copies of the Alabama Bridge Association, Unit 157 By-Laws. Keith asked everyone to read these By-Laws before coming to the next Board Meeting; he added that we will discuss these by-laws at our next meeting. Keith also invited all to help themselves to the sandwiches, which had been provided for them.

Keith then asked everyone to introduce themselves and state their function on the Board. Keith presented an overview of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and its operation. He explained that there are 25 Districts in ACBL. Every Unit elects one representative and these reps form the Board of ACBL. We are Unit 157 in District 10. Keith further explained that this is important because regional tournaments are controlled by ACBL and sectional tournaments are controlled by the units. Each district has so many tournaments. He also explained

that our board controls what happens in this Unit and that our Board is fiscally responsible for finances in this Unit. Keith explained that his job is not to police but to run the meetings here and added that he is not in favor of long meetings.

Old Business:

- Iris Bjorn, Unit Secretary, then distributed copies of minutes of our last meeting. After review, a motion to accept them was made and passed.
- Unit Treasurer, Gayle Morgan, handed out the treasurer's report. Keith added that one function of the Board is to manage the cash. We need to look at evening out the cash flow. To this end, he asked for several people to be on a committee. Gayle Morgan, Vice-President Michael Berndt, Dianne Wammack, and Ted Bjorn. After reviewing the treasurer's report, a motion to accept was made and passed.
- BDBC says funds requested in support of their Mentor-Mentee program, as well as funds for the Beginning Bridge program were not received. Gayle wants to allocate funds to pay these requests. Motion to this effect passed.
- At our last meeting, we approved a motion to pay for tables and bidding boxes to be loaned out for tournaments by assessing every club for each dues-paying member. Keith explained that other clubs hold Unit Championship games to support the need for these tables and chairs. He suggested that we charge one dollar per person per game to fund this effort. Keith then asked for a motion to repeal our previous motion made at our last meeting and a motion to do as other clubs. So done. Keith added that he will research just how this happens at other clubs with ACBL.

There being no other old business, Keith called for new business.

New Business:

- Keith asked for nominations for five positions on an ethics committee.
- Keith then explained that we need a Unit Recorder and explained what a recorder does. If you think someone is cheating, go to the recorder. Cheating is different from ethics.

- Keith also explained that we need a Unit Educational Liaison and explained what one does, i.e., reviews all requests for new programs. He/she then approves and goes to ACBL to determine what portion they will reimburse. Keith would like to ask Mike Lawson to fill this position. He then asked Dorothy Norwood do so.
- Keith explained that there are many things called for in the Unit President's Handbook that we are not doing and that he is checking into this matter and will keep us informed.
- Keith will take care of getting the Ace of Spades awards.
- Keith further explained that we should hold a Unit Meeting soon, maybe at the Fall tournament.
- Iris handed out a sign-up sheet and asked everyone to complete same.
- Iris asked if there was a Unit policy on reimbursing directors and was told there was none.
- Sandy Smith gave a report on Learn Bridge in a Day class held last month and stated that from all reports it was quite successful. One hundred people signed up for this class and 89 attended, despite inclement weather. Over seven tables are signed up for the second part of this class.

There being no further business, Keith called for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Bjorn, Unit Secretary