

**Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2016, Bellerive Country Club
ACBL Unit 143 Board of Directors**

Attendees: Becky Hubert, President; Mark Boswell, VP; Dianne Glick, Secretary; Karen Erlanger; Lee Hastings; Jay Shah; Mark Ziegelman; Linda Seibert, Mary Dolan; John Antognoli

Guest: Mike Carmen, Tournament Chair

Absentee: Jeff Kopolow, Treasurer

President Hubert called the meeting to order at 7:05. Minutes of the November meeting were approved for posting with a motion by Jay Shah, seconded by Linda Seibert. Treasurer was absent but no change was noted in report from November.

President Hubert called for the Tournament Reports and Committee Reports

Tournament Reports:

January Sectional: Mike Carmen, Tournament Chair, offered updated financial projections reflecting the new pricing advertised. Food at Sectional was discussed. There will be two people on Friday night and Saturday to help. Sunday night all Board members will stay to help. The Novice Director has been replaced. Chris Petraeus will join the Director team. If attendance remains constant with the last January Sectional, there should be a small profit from the Tournament. Mary Dolan suggested that since Swiss for Novices is down, it might be better to have pairs. Decision was made to keep Swiss.

George Hawley, Awards Chair, will engrave the Player of Year plaque and bring it to the Sunday Swiss at the Sectional.

There was a discussion about the National Tournament at Orlando, citing raise in fees and lower attendance.

May Sectional: Any changes for this should be submitted to Debbie Romero by mid-January.

March 299er Tournament: Mark Ziegelman suggested that Directors and Board Members should be encouraged to talk to Novice groups regarding 299er tournaments and Sectionals. Karen will discuss this with Novice Directors individually. Mark and Lee spoke about education with regard to Novice tournaments. There is a huge percentage of Novices in our Unit, not well represented at tournaments. Jay Shah will help as well. Becky suggested that we all try to talk up Sectionals and Tournaments to the Novice groups whenever possible.

Old Business: Lee Hastings will get back to the Board in January to report progress on repair/replacement of tables. Bidding boxes and tables to be replaced as needed.

Committee Reports:

Datebook: (Karen Erlanger) All date books have been disbursed. Karen will take more to Sectional.

Education: (Lee Hastings) Lee will do Power Point advertising the Sectionals for use with the Novices.

Membership: (Jay Shah) Jay strongly urged all of us to promote ACBL membership, especially to Novices. He will help speak to all Novice Directors.

Unit Games: (Mark Boswell) Mark reported that all is coordinated with Directors regarding changes in Unit games.

Website: (Mary Dolan, John Antognoli) Mary reported that Helene has been very helpful in training John, the newest webmaster. John is working on Board Member Bios, which should be complete by the first of the year. We had 31,125 hits in the last 7 months.

New Business: None. Dianne Glick moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Boswell. All adjourned to the Grill downstairs, where Becky offered many wonderful appetizers and drinks for our pleasure. Next meeting will be January 11, 2017, at Creve Coeur Police Dept.