

APPROVED Minutes
American Contract Bridge League
Georgia State Unit 114
January 23, 2016

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Ken Parker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on January 23, 2016 at the Macon Duplicate Bridge Club, Macon, GA. As his last presidential duty, Ken passed the gavel to Bob Pearson, the new president of Unit 114.

Officers and committee members present were Ken Parker (Immediate Past President), Bob Pearson (President), Cheryl Bedgood (Secretary), David Newcomer (Treasurer), Donna Parker (NW Area Rep), Joan Braender (NW Area Rep), Lucille Torre (NC Area Rep), John West (NE Area Rep), Liz Swanson (proxy for Dana Osburn (NE Area Rep)), Sonny Greene (South Area Rep), Mary Ann Bateman (proxy for Linda Bush (South Area Rep)), Anne Hedden (Membership) and Michelle Rose (Mentoring).

Bob began by presenting Ken with a beautiful plaque to show Unit 114's appreciation for all of his hard work and accomplishments during his tenure as president. Introductions were made as well as stating proxies and which areas the attendees represented. The new board members (officers and area representatives) were announced for the 2016-2017 term at the Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting held earlier on January 23, 2016.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ken Parker made a motion and Donna Parker seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as is. Results were unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Unit 114's treasurer, David Newcomer, began his report by stating his concern over the non-receipt of funds from the one STaC game in 2015 that is designated as unit revenue sharing. No funds have been received by Unit 114 at the time of the meeting. He had made various calls to people in District 7 and has had no positive response. Bob also stated he has sent an email to the District 7 treasurer and has yet to receive a reply.

Ken Parker requested that future reports be printed with larger print, single column totals for the year, and include all money received and distributed since the last board meeting.

The Treasurer’s Report was then accepted.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Conyers Tournament

There was not as good of a turnout as expected with a total of 123 tables. The profit was only \$151.45. After a discussion and conclusion to retain the tournament, it was decided that it could make a profit if more effort was put into promoting it, including advance publicity. Dan Osborne and Lucille Torre will be sharing the responsibility of running the tournament in 2016.

Committees

Committees were read and unanimously approved. They are as follows:

Committee	Chairperson	Additional Members
Recorder, Conduct & Ethics	Joan Braender	Emory Whitaker
Elections	Donna Parker	
Finance & Investment Oversight	John West	David Newcomer
Goodwill & Sportsperson	Ken Parker	Len Perkins, Lucille Torre, Dana Osburn
GNT & NAP & Unit Games	Joan Braender	
Hall of Fame & Lifetime Achievement	Ken Parker	Tom Wight, Sandy Barrow
Membership	Ann Hedden	
Mentoring	Lucille Torre	Cheryl Bedgood, Michelle Rose, Dana Osburn, Sonny Greene
Newcomer	Lucille Torre	
Nominating	Ken Parker	John West, Joan Braender, Lucille Torre
Publicity	Lucille Torre	Len Perkins, Sonny Greene
Tournaments & Trophies	Dan Osburn	

Additional Assignments

Electronic Contact	Bob Pearson	Ken Parker
Hospitality (unit board meetings)	Len Perkins	Lucille Torre
Website Master	Bob Pearson	Ken Parker

District 7 Meeting Dates:

(Reps are Bob Pearson, Michelle Rose, and Lucille Torre)

Hilton Head	February 13, 2016
Gatlinburg	April 16, 2016
Charlotte	October 29, 2016
Charleston	December 31, 2016

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Goodwill (and Vote)

There were four nominations for Goodwill. Nomination letters were distributed, read, and discussed. After voting, Lucille Torre was the winner. The Goodwill plaque will be displayed at Conyers.

Hall of Fame

Donna Parker reported that the Committee received one nomination and that the candidate did not have sufficient committee votes to be brought forward to the board of directors.

OLD BUSINESS

“May is for Mentoring”

Lucille Torre stated that the announcements should go out starting at the end of March. A reminder that there was a change in the process and mentors will be able to play for free only when playing with a mentee and will not have an extra free play.

NEW BUSINESS

Web Site

Unit 114’s new and improved web site has been revamped to include a map of Georgia showing the areas. Everyone should visit this site to see updates as to what is going on in Unit 114. All the unit clubs are listed with their contact information. The clubs that report their results have a hyperlink to those results. Thank you to Joan Braender for registering the Unit Championship Clubs Sanctions for 2016. Thanks also to Ken Parker for setting up the site and Bob Pearson for maintaining it.

By Laws

We want to thank Ken Parker for the work he has done in updating and correcting our bylaws to reflect changes within the unit structure.

Unit 114 Investments

Bob Pearson and Ken Parker led the discussion on whether or not Unit 114's money should be held in a stock market account. Unit 114 has 3,000 shares of Answorth in which the market value has fallen from \$5.25 per share to \$4.11. There were opposing views as to whether we should take the money out or leave it in. Final results were for David Newcomer to keep an eye on the stock and email the executive committee should there be a large change in the value.

Athens Tournament

A discussion followed as to whether a tournament could be planned in time to be held in 2016. Discussed was not knowing a venue in Athens that also has good food. In the past, the Moose Club was used, but the club is now up for sale. The suggestion was made to ask John West and Liz Swanson about finding a new venue. Bruce Miller, a realtor in the Athens area, might have optional venue sites. Final decision was to allow for research on the subject before a decision is made to have the tournament in 2016 or 2017.

Tifton Tournament (Sonny Greene)

The first tournament in Tifton was held at the Agrirama. This used to be Valdosta, Georgia's tournament. The tournament lost \$801.20 and Sonny was not aware of available funds Unit 114 has for financially assisting a tournament. A request should have been made to Unit 114 during the planning of the tournament, but after discussion, it was voted for Unit 114 to reimburse the Tifton Tournament.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Gainesville Saturday, April 2, 2016
Macon Saturday, August 6, 2016
Conyers Saturday, October 8, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.