

Approved Minutes
American Contract Bridge League
Georgia State Unit 114
April 2, 2016

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Bob Pearson called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. on April 2, 2016 at the Gainesville Civic Center, Gainesville, GA. 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), Dan Osburn (proxy for Lucille Torre (NC Area Rep)), Liz Swanson (proxy for John West (NE Area Rep)) , Dana Osburn (NE Area Rep), Sonny Greene (South Area Rep), Linda Bush (South Area Rep), and Michelle Rose (Mentoring, and proxy for Len Perkins (VP)). Visitors included Vernice Green.

Introductions were made as well as stating proxies and which areas the attendees represented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes for the Macon Board Meeting were approved pending corrections requested by Ken Parker.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted as is.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our "Recorder, Conduct and Ethic Committee" must be broken up into two committees as per ACBL concerns. A person on the Recorder Committee cannot be on the Conduct and Ethic Committee. Joan Braender will stay on as Recorder Committee, Chair, and request assistance if needed. After some discussion, it was determined that a board member be appointed to the Conduct and Ethics Committee. President Pearson asked Linda Bush to chair this committee and she agreed. She will then choose three or four others to be on the committee as needed.

Committees

They are now as follows:

Committee	Chairperson	Additional Members
Recorder	Joan Braender	
Conduct & Ethics	Linda Bush	
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)

Chattanooga July 16, 2016
 Charlotte October 29, 2016
 Charleston December 31, 2016

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

“May is for Mentoring”

Change in the rules -- it will now be free for the Mentor only when playing with the Mentee. Also, no extra free play for the Mentor. Information will go out when Lucille Torre returns from vacation.

NEW BUSINESS

We want to congratulate Mary May and Lynn Ogden for having the top score ACBL-wide of 72.2% in the recent International Fund Game. The second highest score ACBL-wide was also from Macon. It belonged to Jerry Tift and Tom Wight with their 71.99% game.

Member Awards Review

Over his 20 years on the unit board of directors, Ken Parker has been involved with all of the unit's player awards. He has recently reviewed all of them, looking for ways in which their handling can be improved. Ken proceeded to make numerous recommendations and they all were discussed in the board meeting. After this subject is concluded in the next board meeting, Ken's complete report, including board actions taken, will be attached to the minutes of the August 6, 2016 meeting.

Unit 114 Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame (HOF) guidelines have not changed since 2003. Since the inception of this award in 1983, there has only been one non-Atlanta member inducted the HOF.

1st recommendation: Change the informal master point threshold from 10,000 to 5,000 master points. **Passed**

2nd recommendation: Change the HOF committee makeup to three members; a board member as chair and two past presidents (HOF members still excluded). **Passed**

3rd recommendation: Require only two out of the three committee members to approve sending the nomination to the full Unit 114 Board for approval.

Passed

4th recommendation: The committee shall have the annual task of determining whether any member is worthy; committee chair is to report to the full board at the last board meeting of the year all results even if negative. **Passed**

The committee will review any nominations and present their findings at the last board meeting of the year (Conyers).

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) was created to recognize unit members who have made significant contributions to the game of bridge over a very long period of time at local and unit levels.

1st recommendation: Committee to consider the nomination of one unit member if worthy each year to be presented to the full board; committee chair is to report all results even if negative. **Passed**

2nd recommendation: The full board shall decide whether the nominee measures up to the standards of previous LAA recipients. **Passed**

3rd recommendation: 75% approval vote by the full unit board is needed to accept the nominee as being a LAA recipient. **Passed**

Sports Person of the Year / Goodwill

Ken began by explaining how these two awards have always been handled in the past.

1st recommendation: Allow board members to be eligible to be nominated for the SPOTY award. **Passed**

2nd recommendation: The writer of the letter of nomination for the elected SPOTY / Goodwill person will receive one free play at a Unit 114 Sectional. If there was more than one nominator, then the nominator who wrote the best letter will receive the free play. **Passed**

3rd recommendation: If there are a significantly large number of nominees for the SPOTY and Goodwill awards, the committee will reduce the number to be presented to the full board to a reasonable level. [Passed](#)

Because of time constraints, Ken asked that we pick up the discussion at this point in our next scheduled board meeting.

New Tournaments

There will be a Non-life Master's event in Gainesville in October of 2016. Tentative plans are to have a tournament in Athens in June 23-25, 2017.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Macon	Saturday,	August 6, 2016
Conyers	Saturday,	October 8, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.