

**APPROVED Minutes**  
American Contract Bridge League  
Georgia Unit 114, Inc.  
October 17, 2015

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Ken Parker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on October 17, 2015 at the J.P. Carr Service Center, Conyers, GA.

Board members and guests present were Ken Parker, Bob Pearson, Cheryl Bedgood, John Vencill, Joan Braender, Jim Pierce (proxy for Lucille Torre), Dan Osborn (proxy for John West), Liz Swanson (proxy for Len Perkins), Donna Parker, Anne Hedden and Marshall Kerlin (guest).

Ken began by thanking Dan and Dana Osborn for their extraordinary work for making the Conyers Tournament possible.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The secretary's minutes were unanimously approved with a correction to John Vencill's name.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

David Newcomer was unable to attend the meeting, so his financial report was given by President Ken Parker.

**Financial Report**

Ken reminded everyone that the current year expenses exceeded income because of the high cost of the Mentoring Program. The board agreed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> free play for the mentor should be eliminated if we do another Mentoring Program.

**Banking Resolution**

Wells Fargo maintains the unit's checking account. The official name of our organization needs to be corrected but Wells Fargo has Nancy Motes as the "owner/controller" of the account. They require a resolution from the board to change the "owner/controller" and change the official name.

Resolution: Nancy Motes is no longer active in our organization and her name needs to be removed as our accounts "owner/controller". David Newcomer is the Treasurer

of our organization and Wells Fargo should recognize him as the “owner/controller” of our checking account. David Newcomer has permission to correct the name of our organization to our legal name.

The resolution passed unanimously and all active board members signed the document.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Ken Parker welcomed new Unit 114 members, Linda Bush (absent), Dana Osburn, and Dan Osburn, all of whom transferred into our unit from Unit 253.

Ken announced that the incumbent District Director Bob Heller won the District Director position again with 75% of the vote. This election will last for three years.

**Conyers Tournament**

In our last board meeting, Lucille Torre volunteered to chair the Conyers Tournament in 2016. Dan Osburn volunteered to co-chair it with her if needed.

Ken was discouraged by the loss of revenue into the second day of the tournament, but Dan said a clearer picture would be available at the end of the tournament.

**Plaques Updates**

It had been determined that plaques will stay at the winner’s club until a new winner is announced for that specific position.

<b>NAME OF PLAQUE</b>	<b>LAST WINNER</b>	<b>PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Goodwill	Shirley Orso	Conyers	Stay until Jan. 2016
Sportsperson	Mike McGowan	Peachtree City	Through Dec. 2015
Lifetime Achievement Award	Barbanel Borah	Eatonton	Until next LAA recipient is named
Hall of Fame	Emory Whitaker	Macon	Until next Hall of Fame recipient is named

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Nominating Committee**

In Chairperson Tom Wight's absence, Donna Parker reported that the committee had decided on the officer position nominations for 2016-2018. The nominations were: Bob Pearson (Warner Robins) as President; Len Perkins (Macon) as Vice-president, Cheryl Bedgood (Macon) as Secretary, and David Newcomer (Macon) as Treasurer.

Bob was asked to try to get the potential slate of officers in the District 7 Newsletter. By-laws provide a 30 day window to allow others to run and the nominations will be presented to members at Macon's Annual General Meeting on January 23, 2016.

### **Sports Person of the Year (SPOTY)**

Donna Parker (Chairperson) announced the two nominations: June Davis from Warner Robins and Barbara Crenshaw from Peachtree City. Donna passed out resumes for both ladies and then a secret ballot vote was taken. The vote was very close, but congratulations to June Davis our 2016 SPOTY. The SPOTY winner gets all games at Unit 114 tournaments in 2016 paid for by the unit. The Runner-up gets one full tournament of free plays in a unit sectional. Joan Braender will let Barbara Crenshaw know the results.

### **Elections**

Bob Pearson (Chairperson) has the primary responsibility for supervising elections. When area elections are scheduled, the Chair shall provide notice of elections in the "District 7 News" in sufficient time to allow for self-nomination by members. A copy of the notice of elections will be sent to all ACBL clubs. The Unit web site carries the notice and will also provide updates of the status and results of elections. Nominations will be open until thirty days before the scheduled election. Nominations not received by that date will be voided.

Area Representative Elections will be held in Macon if there are more self-nominations than area rep positions available.

The 2016-17 slate of officers will be introduced at the January 23, 2016 General Membership Meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS (None)**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Life Player Races and Non-Life Player Races**

Joan Braender proposed re-establishing the Life Master and Non-Life Master Player Races. This would be a race among Unit 114 players who win silver points at Unit 114 Sectionals (not STaCs). There would be an announcement made, information would be put in bulletin, and winners' names be put on our web site. Bob said he would assist with this. This was agreed upon and will begin January 1, 2016.

Whatever rank (Life Master or Non-Life Master) a player began the year with would dictate his/her LM/NLM status throughout the year. A player's silver point earnings from Unit 114 Sectionals as of January 1, will determine the race for that year. Anne Hedden has agreed to make certificates for the winners.

### **Year-end Financial Review**

Ken Parker will do the year-end financial review at the Macon Tournament. David Newcomer will bring all of the statements and reports for the brokerage, bank, and savings accounts. Ken asked for another board member to assist him and Bob Pearson volunteered.

### **Goodwill Start up**

Announcement will be sent out in November 2015. The Committee's Top three names will be presented to the board in January 2016.

### **Changes in SPOTY and Goodwill**

Ken explained that the policy and methods review performed more than a year ago recommended no substantial changes in the rules governing the election of people for the SPOTY and Goodwill awards. Ken sees a need for changes and will compile recommendations by sometime in mid-2016. Ken asked board members to send him their suggestions for revisions

## **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

Macon, Saturday, January 23, 2016 (AGM)

Macon, Saturday, January 23, 2016 (Goodwill Vote)

Gainesville, Saturday, April 2, 2016

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.