

UNIT 160 BOARD MEETING

Columbia Sectional Tournament
Saturday, August 5, 2000 - 7:00 pm

ATTENDING: George Nichols, Louise Burns, Richard Brown, Glenn Savage, Jane Hunt, Lyman Wooster, DaMaris Rorie, Jim Lancaster, Kitty Altman, Martin Johnson, Tony Devereux, Bo Coward, Jim Current, Scott Stearns, Harriet Blasetti for Spencer Hurd, Barbara James for Evelyn Brandon, Charles Hunt for Charles Lohfeld, Ann Wooster for Gwen Beckman, Marika Hallosy for Mike Bitonti, Dot Current for Jeff Ziemer, Lifford Ware for Carmelita Hopkins, Pat Webb for Carolyn Sanders, and Camelia Verdre, guest.

ABSENT: Jack Healy, John Hurd and Mark McLaughlin

PRESIDENT George Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:32
MINUTES OF May 6, 2000 meeting were approved as mailed with Charles Hunt moving and Scott Stearns seconding.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS were distributed to board members. The "apparent" surplus at July 31 is the result of ACBL's overpayment of dues to our unit (Unit 160 will not receive any additional funds from ACBL until the third quarter). The \$835 in Professional Service was questioned and explained as payment to the Unit Secretary/Treasurer (\$2,000 per year). Pat Webb notified the board that she will not be able to serve in this capacity next year.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - President Nichols passed out information on this annual event with suggestions for masterpoint limits for various flights. Scott Stearns felt that such an event should include players with up to 1,000 mps. Jim Current moved and Bo Coward seconded that the president appoint a committee to look into Unit 160 holding such an event. Motion passed with Jim Current, Jane Hunt, Jim Lancaster, Tony Devereux, and George Nichols being named as the committee.

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS - The Unit NAP Non-Life Master event will be a two-session event on October 14 at the Aiken Sectional. Scott Stearns moved and Glenn Savage seconded that the NAOP Flights A and B event be two sessions. Motion carried. This event will be held on Sunday, October 29, at the Columbia Bridge Club.

2001 GNT SEMI-FINAL - Bo Coward moved and Martin Johnson seconded that South Carolina refrain from scheduling their leg of this event on Easter Saturday in 2001. Motion carried. Liz Swanson, District 7 GNT Coordinator, has been notified that Unit 160's semi-final will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2001.

SANCTIONS FOR SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS - Jim Current observed that there have been complaints that sanction applications for Unit 160 sectional tournaments have been delayed pending receipt of final financial statements from current year's tournament. Discussion ensued as to whether the unit actually has the right to require final financial statements of all sectional tournaments held within the unit. Bo Coward moved and Jim Current seconded that our Unit Tournament Coordinator should submit sanction applications as soon as they are received. If a tournament chairman wants "Unit Insurance" (financial assistance if tournament loses money even though its proposed budget was strictly adhered to), then Proposed Budgets must be submitted to the Unit Tournament Coordinator sixty days in advance of the tournament. Motion carried. Enclosed is Jim Current's suggested Unit 160 Supplement to Sectional Sanction Request. This supplement will be addressed at our next board meeting.

Scott Stearns praised the latest issue of PALMETTO PRE-EMPTS for communicating the board's thrust within the unit.

UNIT 160 RECORDER is Richard Brown. Players are encouraged to report to him (in writing) any occasions of suspicious or inappropriate behavior during any sectional or regional tournaments in Unit 160.

The next board meeting will be held at the Myrtle Beach Sectional Tournament between sessions on November 11.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia L. Webb

Unit 160 Supplement to Sectional Sanction Request

In order to maintain better records and to avoid potential financial embarrassment, The Unit requires that the tournament chairperson fill out the form below and submit it with the ACBL sanction request.

Chairperson _____ Phone _____
Address _____

Please check one of the below that best describes the finances of this sectional:

- 1A - I am acting as a trusted agent of Unit 160
- 1B - I am solely responsible for the financial aspects
- 2A - My club is acting as a trusted agent of Unit 160
- 2B - My club is solely responsible for the financial aspects
- 3 - Other (please explain below)

If you checked 1A or 2A above, you are required to submit a proposed budget 60 days before the tournament and an actual budget 30 days after the event. If this is done and has the Unit tournament director approval, a deficit will be underwritten by the Unit. If there is a surplus, the Unit requires that the money be used for bridge purposes, the most common being to provide a cushion (deposit, whatever) for the next year's event. Whatever use is proposed for this surplus must be approved by the Unit tournament chairman.

If you checked 1B or 2B above, the Unit will not be involved with the tournament finances but would appreciate a report on the relative success of the event. The Unit does retain the right to deny a sanction to a proposed tournament if in the judgement of the Unit tournament chairman and on the vote of the Unit board the proposed event does not further the best interests of Unit 160 bridge players.

If you checked 3 above, the Unit tournament chairman will decide whether or not to approve the sanction request based on your explanation of the financial and other aspects of the proposed event.

Signed _____ Date _____