

**ACBL UNIT 160**  
**BOARD MEETING (ZOOM)**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President, Betsy Stanton at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were:

President: Betsy Stanton (BS)

Vice President: Lee Webb (LW)

Past President: Richard Smith (RS)

Secretary: Kathy Kimmerling (KK)

Treasurer: Blondelle Grant (BG)

Director in Residence: Alan Brooks (AB)

Piedmont: Barbara Borkgren (BaB), Hugh Brown (HB), Richard Brown (RB) and Jim Vellanueva (JV)

Southern: Bob Bowen (BoB), Tom Musso (TM), Cheryl Scott (CS) and Paul Wright (PW)

Eastern: Karen Galleher (KG) and Elaine Gordon (EG)

Absent: Sally Dix (P), Martin Johnson (S), Kay McCarthy (S), Francine Moring (C), Greg Roberts (C), Louise Burns (E) and Jack Gurley (E)

The next Board of Director's Meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the Charleston Sectional in March. If the Charleston Sectional is cancelled or rescheduled, the next meeting will be held on Zoom, (date and time to be determined).

**March Minutes:** were sent by email prior to this meeting for review and corrections.

A motion was made by PW to accept the minutes and corrections and the motion was seconded by TM. Motion carried by majority.

**Treasurer's Report:** Blondelle Grant (was to be sent by email to all the Board Members.)

**Old Business:**

**May 2021 GNTs:** The two GNT District finals are scheduled for Spartanburg (Flights Championship and B) and Columbia (Flights A and C).

A discussion followed as to the coming of a vaccine and whether or not the tournament would be held.

Another discussion dealt with what to do if the Spartanburg GNT tournament/Sectional lost money. RS noted that if the Sectional Chair submits a budget in advance, the Unit would be able to support the tournament. The question was posed as to whether or not Columbia was interested in Unit support. (LW) At this time, Columbia would like to host the tournament without Unit support. Columbia would submit a budget if they determined that they would lose money and needed Unit support.

RS emphasized that the Unit would need to have the Sectional budget upfront.

RB wanted to know if the Unit had the financial resources to help fund the Sectional. BS stated that the Unit had the funds. The treasury has \$14,610.50 in ready cash.

RS suggested that because the two sectionals are so close together timewise, resources could be shared.

It was decided to put the GNT Sectionals on the Agenda as Old Business for further discussion if the tournaments are held as scheduled.

PW made a motion for the Unit to financially support the Spartanburg tournament if it incurred a loss and EG seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority.

Other Tournaments: The discussion moved to the Charleston Sectional Tournament, scheduled for March. It was noted that the ACBL has cancelled tournaments thru February 2021. BS said that they will know more from Pete Misslin by the end of November.

Charleston Reimbursement: It was noted that the Charleston Club was reimbursed for losses from the Sectional. They were also reimbursed for expenses for the Mini-McKenney award purchases.

### **New Business:**

Blondelle's Proposal: BG request was that Face to Face (F2F) clubs are in a transition to the Virtual Club Model and some have lost players; she would like the Unit to be supportive of this.

Comments and Questions –

RB – Clubs have bigger games online

PW – Charleston is making more money and ask which clubs were struggling

RB – Noted that those who are not playing online, do not want to play online

KK – Individuals are able to play more online, multiple times a day; this was not possible F2F

RB – Able to play more online, no driving, can play morning, afternoon and evening

Discussion ended with no action.

Unit Webpage: KK is the webmaster for the new Unit 160 website. [www.bridgewebs.com/unit160/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/unit160/) Kathy let the board know that the website is easy to update and anything the Units/Clubs would like to see on this site is possible.

### **Charities:**

Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) – Scott Dunn had approached earlier and asked to consider matching funds he raised from other bridge players for this charity, up to \$500.00. Scott was able to raise \$800.00 and the Unit added the promised \$500.00.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) – the board was looking for other charity suggestions and LW suggest a donation to WAA. KK explain what it was about and provided the website for further reference: [www.wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org) KK also stated that if the donation was made directly to

the Fort Jackson National Cemetery in Columbia, SC, on their form, WWA would provide 1 free wreath for every 2 purchased. LW made the motion that the Unit donate \$300.00 to WAA this year and BaB seconded that motion. Motion carried by majority.

KK will obtain the FJNC donation form and sent it on to the Treasurer (BG) for payment.

Goodwill: Please make nominations for 2021 Goodwill Committee members. A vote will be taken at the next Unit meeting. If there is no banquet in 2021, then the 2021 nominees would be recognized at the banquet in 2022. The Unit is able to submit 2 names and nominations need to be sent to Betsy Stanton.

Unit Board Nominations: The board officers will stay the same, but board members may change Discussion followed and included posting nominations on the Unit website and/or in a Newsletter:

PW – Perhaps the Board should appoint new members for 2021 due to the COVID-19 quarantine  
SC – Suggested mailing the Slate of Candidates to Club Offices

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by LW and seconded by RS. Motion carried by majority.

Respectfully Submitted -

Kathy Kimmerling

Unit 160 Secretary

Transaction

3/1/2020 through 10/31/2020

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
<b>BALANCE 2/29/2020</b>							<b>11,722.11</b>
9/30/2020	Checki...	1216	Bridgewebs	Website An...			-35.00
4/16/2020	Checki...DEP		Unit160Reimb		Income:Unit M...	R	1,250.00
4/27/2020	Checki...DEP		Unit160Reimb	ACBL	Income:Unit M...	R	2,087.99
8/6/2020	Checki...DEP		Unit160Reimb	ACBL	Income:Unit M...	R	1,637.09
3/14/2020	Checki...1208		**VOID**Food By Jeannie		Meeting:Refres...	R	0.00
3/14/2020	Checki...1209		Food By Jeannie	Meeting	Meeting:Refres...	R	-338.32
3/14/2020	Checki...1210		Jack Self		Supplies:Baron...	R	-222.20
3/14/2020	Checki...1211		Kathy Kimmerling	Pianola Sof...	Supplies:Office	R	-500.00
9/28/2020	Checki...1215		The Charleston Bridge ...	Swamp Fox...	Supplies:Tourn...		-991.15
3/14/2020	Checki...1212		**VOID**Betsy Stanton		Supplies:Tourn...	R	0.00
3/14/2020	Checki...1213		**VOID**Richard Smith		Supplies:Tourn...	R	0.00
<b>3/1/2020 - 10/31/2020</b>							<b>2,888.41</b>
<b>BALANCE 10/31/2020</b>							<b>14,610.52</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>							<b>4,975.08</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>							<b>-2,086.67</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>							<b>2,888.41</b>

## UNIT 160 BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2020 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Introduction of Members

Approval of the Minutes from the March 14, 2020 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

May GNT

Sectionals

Reimbursement to Charleston Bridge Club (\$991.15)

Reimbursement to Cheryl Scott (\$89.20)

New Business:

Blondelle's Proposal

New Unit Web Page

Charity

Goodwill

Next Meeting

Adjournment