

ACBL UNIT 160
BOARD MEETING
(ZOOM)
DECEMBER 8, 2022

Call to Order: Following the Unit 160 Annual Membership meeting, the Unit 160 Board Meeting was called to order by President, Betsy Stanton at 7:05 PM. A quorum was met; 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)

Piedmont: Hugh Brown (HB), Richard Brown (RB), Nancy Russell (NR) and Jim Villanueva (JV)
Southern: Dan Osburn (DO) and Paul Wright (PW)
Central: Chris Webb (CW)
Eastern: Karen Galleher (KG)

Absent: Sally Dix (P), Martin Johnson (S), Tom Musso (S), Cheryl Scott (S), Scott Dunn (C), Jack Gurley (E), and Louise Burns (E)

Also in attendance: Dana Osburn (DaO) proxy for Tom Musso (S); George Russell (GR) proxy for Francine Moring (C)

June Minutes: the minutes from the June 22, 2022 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 LW. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

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

BG answered questions about these reports, reading them aloud for those who did not receive the report. The current balances for the CDs and the bank accounts were also read aloud.

KG moved to accept the Treasurer's report and PW seconded. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

A new Finance Committee was created: Chris Webb (Chair), Paul Wright and Francine Moring to explore options for the Units investments in CDs. JV had noted that interest rates have been rising, and it may be time to reinvest the CDs.

Old Business:

Charities:

Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) and Wreaths Across America (WAA)

After a short discussion the Unit will once again support these charities: \$500.00 to PALSS and \$300.00 to WAA.

Pawleys Island Request for monies in conjunction with District 7 funds –

Karen Gallegher spoke on the development of her for profit club. She had requested funds from District 7 and would also like to be granted fund from the Unit to continue to grow the bridge community in Pawleys Island.

Some of the highlights were:

Money from unit in 2016 or 17? \$1,300 used for table growth

Increased tables 461.5 in 4 years.

Recruited 40-50 new members. Money well spent!

This year's 26-week program with mini lesson, club name tags, deuce prizes, free plays for other games, volunteer free games, food, brought in a dozen people with 6+ new ACBL members.

Had 2,469 tables in 2019 and hope to have over 1,000 this year. The club is not setting the world on fire. Increased expenses with 1,400 fewer tables. 500 more tables than 2021.

Karen stated: "I haven't gotten rich owning the club. I consider providing games as a community service. We have a grass-roots-philanthropic organization locally we support with a \$1 contribution from each player for each session for 8 weeks a year." "I need more help to defray expenses and get our table counts back up. I have personally carried the loss for the last 3 fiscal years. The money you give me will help to create a program in January for free plays to introduce players to the duplicate world."

A discussion followed: LW questioned as to whether the Unit grants funds to "for profit" clubs RS stated that he could not find anything in the bylaws on this point. LW stated that we need to make sure that the bylaws are not violated.

The District 7 policy is that funds from Regionals has to go to a 501c, not to a for profit club.

A motion was made by LW to give the Pawleys Island Bridge Club \$500.00 match for development and CW seconded. The motion passed.

Change in Rank Awards

The Unit has been issuing a 'free play' up to \$10.00, good for play at a Sectional tournament, to members who achieve a change in rank. The program has been well received.

Some issues do need to be considered: are they to be used for STaCs and for out of Unit Sectionals?

A motion was made by DO to restrict their use to Unit 160 Sectional and that they are not valid for STaCs. PW made the second. The motion passed.

New Business:

2022 Goodwill Committee Member Nominations:

Hugh Hughes and Carolyn Cromer will be the Unit's nominees for 2022.

JV spoke on behalf of Hugh and LW for Carolyn.

RS moved to accept these nominations, and PW seconded. The motion passed

There was a discussion about the Goodwill dinner and there was a need to include those who had transferred into District 7/Unit 160.

Myrtle Beach Bridge Association (MBBA):

The MBBA has started a new program with 8 students, has submitted to the District for funds and would like to get some monies from the Unit.

LW made the motion to give \$500.00 to the MBBA for this program and CW made the second. The motion passed.

Items from the Floor:

It was reported that the block for the Charleston Regional is sold out, but they will honor the flyer price until they sell out. To date, they are at 87% occupancy and will honor up to 90%.

Charleston is looking to run a Sectional, after having to cancel them in the past, due to Covid.

Dan Osburn is now securing tournament sanctions for sectionals, replacing Louise Burns.

Next Board Meeting:

There will need to be a board meeting before the end of March to prepare a slate of officer and board member in advance of the Unit 160 Annual Membership meeting. The Board meeting will be held March 4, 2023 at the Myrtle Beach Sectional with the Annual meeting the next day, March 5, between the two Swiss team sessions.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by PW and seconded by KG. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted -
Kathy Kimmerling
Unit 160 Secretary

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December 8, 2022 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Introduction of Members

Approval of the Minutes from the June 22, 2022 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

Charity Request Payouts

Pawleys Island Grant Endorsement Letter

Change in Rank certificates – eligible for StaC games?

New Business:

Nominees for Goodwill Committee

Myrtle Beach request for education funding

Items from the Floor

Next Unit Meeting: March 2023 (Annual Meeting?)

Adjournment

From: Betsy STANTON <baha23@bellsouth.net>

Date: October 27, 2022 at 9:08:43 AM EDT

To: D7growthopts@gmail.com

Subject: Myrtle Beach Duplicate Bridge Association Grant Application

To Whom it May Concern:

As president of South Carolina's bridge Unit 160, I am writing to highly endorse the Myrtle Beach Duplicate Bridge Association's grant application and feel very certain that the unit will provide some needed financial support. This organization has been struggling since the pandemic and is attempting to not only try to grow to its membership but to stay afloat. The MBDBA only has one open game a week. This grant proposes to increase ACBL membership by providing lessons which will follow with a limited game. Thank you for your attention to this application.

Betsy Stanton



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FREE 0001	25,203.83		Select Option
12 MTHS 0002	7,224.89		Select Option
24 MTHS 0003	7,269.52		Select Option
36 MTHS 0004	7,378.87		Select Option
48 MTHS 0005	7,521.09		Select Option
60 MTHS 0006	7,562.57		Select Option

6 Deposit accounts with a total balance of 62,160.77

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