

UNIT 179 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2011
4:30 P.M. VANDERBILT BRIDGE CLUB

The meeting was called to order at 4:45.

Present were Coley McGinnis, Elaine Said, Eleanor Rodgers, Pat Beason, Liz Ivey, Bob Allard, Terry Spector and Pat Williams.

The minutes were approved. The Financial Statement was approved.

The Financial Statement showed a profit from the July Regional. Coley said we made money because of a lesser buy down. The July Regional had 1500 tables. Since it was a split regional, Baton Rouge had 900 tables.

The next order of business was the February 2012 Sectional. The fliers were in the process of being put together pending discussion of the various weekend games.

There was much discussion of the Saturday night game. It was stated that tournaments are all about bringing in people who are 300-500. Terry Spector said the same people still come. Pat suggested that we should keep 8 Is Enuf on the program. There has not been a drop off. 58% are under 300 master points. Under 500 is maybe 60%. The 8 Is Enuf is popular and draws a good number of tables. Pat also said we should do something different in February. It was decided to have a Bracketed Pairs on Saturday Night. Players will enter one of the evening pairs games (Open or NLM). A computer program will assign pairs to teams. The pair with the lowest # of master points will be matched with the pair having the highest # of master points. The 2nd lowest pair will team with the 2nd highest pair and so on until all pairs are teamed. The event will be scored as a pairs event and ALSO as a Board-A-Match event, giving each pair 2 chances to win. Teams winning points in both events get the highest of the two point totals.

It was decided there will be two separate sessions on Sunday.

Steve Juk requested a sanction for NLM for July, 2012 and was denied. Liz will contact ACBL to see when they will let us have a NLM tournament.

2013 regional – it is 50-50 whether we can have the Radisson. We don't take up more than half their rooms. MM and Coley like the 10-3-8 schedule. Liz likes that scheduling. Elaine says Tunica does 10:00 - 2:30 and 7:30.

Eleanor suggested signs in the hotel as to where games are to be played. Now where do we have it? Maxwell House? There are a limited number of hotels to accommodate 10,000 square

feet of place. Pat Williams said that people would like to be downtown. Eleanor suggested that we have free parking.

If Memphis sent us a contribution for the 2007 Nationals, how much was it for? The Memphis Unit has hospitality responsibilities. Coley suggested and it was approved to give Unit 144 \$1,000 or what they gave us in 2007.

Automatic scorers were brought up. Coley said Club has to purchase scorers. First item is sliding wall for 2nd classroom and then scoring machines. Coley said that is Club business.

It was decided to have the next Board Meeting at the February Sectional.

Next meeting will be Saturday afternoon of February sectional.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55.