

**Board of Directors Minutes
M.A. Lightman Bridge Club and
Tennessee Bridge Association, Unit 144
August 4, 2007
Judy Knox, Secretary**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marvin Skaggs – President
Ernie Beckley – Treasurer
Judy Knox- Secretary

Rachel Bass
John Dimmer
Mary Oshlag
Sherry Thaxton
Lillian Zisook

Terry Van Dyke, Club Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debby Schadt- Vice President
Russell Strauss

UNIT 144 BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Marvin Skaggs, Unit 144 President at 11:30 am at the M. A. Lightman Bridge Club.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes previously E-mailed by Judy Knox were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ernie Beckley gave the Treasurer's Report. Current Balances as of 08-04-07 for Unit 144 are \$9,757.14 (Checking Account) \$15,316.45 (Savings Account) and TBA Investment account balance is \$5,000.00. Total for Tennessee Bridge Association – Unit 144 is \$30,073.59.

Unit 144-OLD BUSINESS

1) **Tunica**

V.T. is in India. Marvin asked for help with getting the Tunica Tournament set up on Sunday September 23rd. He also needs help to tear the tournament down and load everything on September 30th. Anyone who wants to help should be at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club at 1pm on Sunday September 23rd. Anything that anyone can do will be appreciated.

Ernie and Terry asked about tables. If Joyce and Judy have any tables they need to bring them to the bridge club. Judy said that Joyce didn't have any and she will bring back the ones she has.

Terry said he needs all bidding boxes, too. We are also in need of Caddies for the Tournament. We will pay \$30 per session to caddies. A discussion was held about Caddies for the Tournament. Someone said Regina might still be interested in doing it. Sherry said she would try Delta State again.

Lillian, Ernie and Terry discussed the "No Smoking" signs. Don't forget about the luncheon on Wednesday for the Newcomers. All Board Members should plan to attend the Luncheon at the Tunica Tournament on Wednesday, September 26th, 2007.

2) Section Tops and Registration Gifts

The Committee consists of John Dimmer, Kathy Dimmer, Carol Brehm and Lillian Zisook. Pam Bell is going to be the vendor. John is giving a CD holder for your car as a registration gift. A folding pen for your neck or your purse is the Section Top gift. The novice winners will get a 7 day pill box. Lillian Zisook wants to be in charge of this Committee next year. John Dimmer is in charge of the gifts and prizes for this year's tournament. The registration gifts are \$5.00, the Section Top prizes are \$3.00 and the Novice winners are \$5.00. Everyone agreed that the gifts and prizes that the Committee selected were good and the Committee did a good job with their selections.

- 3) Paris Landing – The last week end in March, 2008 is the Paris Landing Tournament date.
- 4) Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner - Will be December 1st, 2007 this year.
- 5) Nate Silverstein - V.T. needs to get the Schedule in to ACBL. It will be at the Holiday Inn on Mount Moriah. The Nate Silverstein Tournament will be held the first week end after New Years. It will be January 4 – 6, 2008. It will be at the Holiday Inn at Mount Moriah and I 240.
- 6) Next Board Meeting – The next Board Meeting will be September 15, 2007. The Birthday Bash game will also take place on September 15, 2007.

There being no other business to discuss, the Unit 144 Board of Directors meeting was adjourned by Marvin Skaggs and the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club Board of Directors Meeting was called to order.

MAL BOARD MEETING- August 4, 2007

Minutes/treasurer's report

The minutes previously E-mailed by Judy Knox were approved.

Ernie Becklev gave the Treasurer's Report.

The Current checking account balance for M.A. Lightman Bridge Club is \$26,148.75 and for the Savings Account is \$20,210.43. The total balance for M.A. Lightman is \$46,359.18.

Old Business

MENTORING PROJECT

The Mentoring Committee - Judy Knox, John Dimmer and Terry VanDyke, gave a brief discussion of the Mentoring Program. The first mentoring game is Sunday August 5th. That is tomorrow. Everything is ready. We expect at least 23 pairs.

Marvin and Sherry wanted to know about how much we should spend on refreshments for the mentoring games. Terry said around \$50 - \$60. We have decided to let all Novices play in the mentoring games. No life masters should be allowed to play unless they have a mentee. The mentor/mentees can use any game to make up missed sessions. We prefer that they use the "Invite-a-Pro" game, but we encourage them to make up any games on the list.

There was nothing in the Suggestion Box.

Mary Oshlag brought up allowing people who can't attend the Birthday Bash game on Saturday to be allowed to have a free game to make it up. They must use it within one year. There was much discussion on this issue. Finally, we decided to leave the Birthday Bash Game like it is for the rest of this year. We will discuss any changes that should be made to the Birthday Bash Game for the 2008 year. We can leave it up to the newly elected Board Members for 2008.

New Business

Marvin brought up the fact that an elderly lady who was playing bridge at this club left in tears due to a remark that was made by another player. The remark was made as the lady left Lillian Zisook's table. Lillian said that it was not her that made the remark. The lady's son came and took back the \$30 fee that the lady had just paid to become a member of M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. After much discussion, it was decided that the Board should not do anything. Some of the board members thought the lady should be given a free year's membership at the Bridge Club. However, it was decided that we cannot give everyone who gets upset a free membership or the club will go broke. Lillian Zisook said she would take care of it personally.

Mary Oshlag is starting a new game on Monday mornings. If someone brings a hand to her after the game, she will take it home and get Richard to analyze it and show them how it should have been played, bid or defended. Also, if Richard and Mary feel that they should get another opinion, they will consult their good friend, Marty Bergen, who is a world-renowned writer, bridge player and super expert. Mary's new game was discussed and all board members felt that Mary's idea for the new game was great and would probably be a real success.

First Friday Dinners

Summary of all Scheduled First Friday Dinners left for 2007:

- September 7th – Ernie Beckley
- October 5th – V.T. Gala
- November 2nd - Marvin Skaggs

Everyone who has scheduled to be in charge of a First Friday Dinner should notify Ellen and Ilene so they can put it in the Newsletter and Post it to the Web Page. They need to know the menu, the price and the times that the dinner and game will start. Ellen also needs to know in time to coordinate getting the desserts for your dinner.

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