

**Board of Directors Minutes
M.A. Lightman Bridge Club and
Tennessee Bridge Association, Unit 144
September 15, 2007
Judy Knox, Secretary**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Marvin Skaggs – President
Debby Schadt- Vice President
Ernie Beckley – Treasurer
Judy Knox- Secretary**

**Rachel Bass
John Dimmer
Mary Oshlag
Russell Strauss
Sherry Thaxton
Lillian Zisook**

**Terry Van Dyke, Club Manager
V.T. Gala, Tournament Coordinator**

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 09/15/07 for Unit 144 are \$9,728.14 (Checking Account) \$15,330.64 (Savings Account) and TBA Investment account balance is \$5,000.00. Total for Tennessee Bridge Association – Unit 144 is \$30,058.78.

Unit 144-OLD BUSINESS

Tunica

Everything is in order and up to date for the Tunica Tournament. V.T. said that the Newcomer luncheon to welcome the new players is all taken care of. Hene has arranged for Cappelletti Jr. and maybe 2 or 3 other speakers. We need all Board members to be at the club at 1p.m. on Sunday, (9/23/07) to help move tables and bidding boxes. We need them to go to Tunica to unload, too. There was much discussion about the Tunica Tournament and getting all last minute details done. Charlie MacCracken found 2 professional Caddies for us to use. V.T. is printing the daily bulletin at the Tournament. We will have candy for the registration desk and smokers will be asked to go outside.

Unit 144-NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Next Board Meeting** – The next Board Meeting will be October 27, 2007. The Birthday Bash game will take place on October 20, 2007.
- 2) **NAP flights B&C finals** – Will take place October 20, 2007. There will be 2 sessions.
- 3) **New Bridge Club** – There was much discussion on this topic. V.T. is going to draw up plans for a new building to present to potential donors. There is no particular location for the new club. We are going to try to find donors to build the new club. We want to make it big enough to accommodate Sectional Tournaments and we need enough parking space or try to build it close to a shopping center with a large parking lot. A lot of discussion took place regarding the potential new building. Everyone agreed that we need to make sure it is located in a good part of town if we want to attract new members. Some discussion was made regarding going in with ACBL on a building since they are looking for a new location, too.

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-September 15 , 2007

Minutes/treasurer's report

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

Ernie Beckley 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.

Mentoring Games: Status Sept. 5, 2007

Mentoring Game # Sunday or Monday?	Date	Number of Tables
1 Sunday	August 5, 2007	18
2 Monday	August 20, 2007	21 & 1/2
3 Sunday	September 2, 2007	15 & _
4 Monday	September 17, 2007	20 tables
5 Sunday	October 7, 2007	
6 Monday	October 22, 2007	
7 Sunday	November 4, 2007	
8 Monday	November 26, 2007	

Some changes have been made in mentor/mentee pairs. All in all, the mentoring games are successful. We have only had two changes due to personality conflicts. 2 out of 76 is not bad. Of course we still have 4 games to go.

John Dimmer brought up the fact that there was a pair playing in the mentoring games who should not be. Marvin told him to call and tell them they were not eligible to play and ask them not to play in the mentoring games anymore. Everyone agreed that this was the correct thing to do. The mentoring games should only be used for mentors and mentees and not for experienced players to get master points.

There was nothing in the Suggestion Box.

First Friday Dinner

V.T. is in charge of the first Friday dinner for October. He is going to have an Indian dinner. He said we can watch them make the bread. We will have to increase the price to \$7.00. Sherry said some people will complain about paying \$7.00 to watch bread being made. V.T. said we can't do it for \$5.00. After much discussion it was decided that we will charge \$7.00 for V.T.'s dinner on October 5, 2007. The clean-up crew should be at the club at 7p.m.

New Business

Lillian Zisook made a proposal that she would send out cards in memory of a club member who is sick or who dies. If anyone wants to donate to the club in someone's memory or if they want her to send them a get well card, just call her up and the money goes to a special fund for that purpose. Russell made a motion to accept Lillian's proposal. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Discussion was held on how to proceed with Lillian's proposal.

Terry has taken over the Friday Morning game. Starting in October, sandwiches and chips are available for \$2.00. This should eliminate people not coming to the game because they don't want to bring their lunch. Terry is trying to get the game up to 5 tables. Mary is promoting the Monday morning game. She is not charging for her food.

First Friday Dinners

Summary of all Scheduled First Friday Dinners left for 2007:

- 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.

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