

MINUTES

Board Members Present:   Nance Lodge                   David Kane  
                                  Bill Berke                   Bill Dani  
                                  Jim Weeks                  Jane Witous  
                                  William Stine

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was held at Nance Lodge's house and was called to order at 9:30 by Nance Lodge.
2. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the Board meeting held on March 4, 2015, were read. After a couple of revisions, a motion was made to approve the minutes as revised by Jim Weeks, seconded by Jane Witous, and it was unanimously approved. Minutes of the Annual meeting held January 26, 2015 were also read and after one typo correction, unanimously approved.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Dani handed out copies of the financials for the past month, and presented the Treasurer's report. He pointed out that there was a slight loss from the recent Sectional and that \$1525 had been spent on educational programs. His report was approved by the Board.
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: March Sectional:** The low turnout (only 328 tables) was discussed, with less than optimal marketing, good weather on the Coast, recent tournaments in Mesa and New Orleans, conflict with NCAA basketball tournament suspected as the culprits. The need to get earlier ACBL approval of the flyer was noted, and better Forum advertising. Team games lost attendance as possibly "too tough". The possibility/desirability of contracting a permanent Tournament Manager for the four sectionals was discussed. William Stine had to travel to Orange County to return several standards to Ken Dischner we inadvertently kept and \$50 gas money was approved for his efforts.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board went into Executive Session to discuss candidates to replace Steve Goldstein, whose resignation from the Board took effect on March 31, 2015.
6. **CONTINUING BUSINESS:** A) The "In Memoriam" policy proposed by Bill Berke was discussed and passed unanimously with one revision. B) It was suggested and agreed to invite Woody McHarg to say goodbye at the upcoming Unit game on April 12<sup>th</sup>. C) It was agreed that the next tranche of Bylaw proposed amendments should be scheduled for a special meeting in early November at a Unit game, prior to the November sectional. Ancommittee to run that process is needed, and Nance agreed to ask the Ericksons again if they would help with that. D) Much discussion was had regarding how to make the 499er group more comfortable playing up with the Open group. E) Education: there was general agreement that it was best for the Unit to reimburse for educational materials only, for the various classes being held.

- 7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** May 5, 2015 at Nance Lodge's house.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** At noon a motion was made by David Kane to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jane Witous, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kane, Secretary.