

Minutes of Unit 183 Board Meeting held on Tuesday September 26, 2023

President Cynthia Benton called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. Directors Cynthia Benton, Randy Eads, MB Howard and Larz Smith attended in person. Directors David Branch and Steve Bennett attended via cell phone. Directors Steve Shirey and Hal Schultz were absent. President Benton appointed Larz Smith to act as meeting secretary. The Minutes of the August meeting were not available.

Financial: August financial reports were distributed to the Board via email and briefly reviewed by Treasurer Steve Bennett. Steve informed the Board that the Unit lost (\$ 2,647) in August for a 2023 YTD loss of (\$ 11,172). The Board approved the treasurer's report.

Sectional Tournament: Randy noted that everything for the tournament is set except that he and MB are still looking for caddies for the Sunday team games. Food for the Sunday sessions will be sandwiches provided by the Fort Worth players. Cynthia volunteered to provide donuts. Randy noted that tournament players have been requested to register via email to insure space.

New Limited Game: To provide a 0-20 MP limited game for the new players from the Boost program, Docia Larsen has agreed to run a separate section in her Monday 0-750 MP game. A reduced number of boards and a reduced playing fee will be allowed, as determined by Docia.

2024 Regional Tournament: Randy has approached Kristen Onsgard and Scott Nason to be guest lecturers and received a tentative agreement. Several additional names were discussed. It was brought up that under the Unit's current Standing Rules, the Unit could only pay a guest lecturer \$25 per lecture. The Board voted to increase the amount to \$ 50 per lecture and to update the Standing Rules. Randy brought up that ACBL has introduced a new Director Assistant position for tournaments that might help reduce costs. Randy and MB are to investigate and discuss with the Board.

Tournament Event Sponsorship: Randy agreed to draft an update to the Standing Rules concerning sponsorship of a Tournament event for Board approval.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm. Submitted by Larz Smith, acting meeting secretary.