

Unit 163 Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2010
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm.

Present: Elaine Olson (Area 1), Paulette Koontz (Area 3), Maureen Garlich (Zone A), Barb Skogman (Zone B), Dick Tetrault (Area 5), Bill Forde (Zone B), Ida Bell (Area 6), Wyn Seeley (Area 7), and Bill Kent (Secretary-Treasurer).

Absent: Larry Delfs (Area 2), Jack Falat-resigning (Area 4), Jim Callison (Zone C), Chuck Woodruff (Zone C).

Also attending: Gary Mehlin, Roy Gilleard, Vic Edwards and Larry Brobst.

Financial Report – Bill Kent

A profit for 2010 is expected.

BForde praises those who are running our Sectionals.

2011 Budget not ready. BForde feels that individual tournament budgets not easy to prepare.

By-Laws – Barb Skogman

BKent produced the committees suggested changes: reduced board, moved Clinton from the same area as Davenport, no proxy voting, no second Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer cannot be a board member.

BKent produced a list of possible standing committees to be put in the By-Laws (or Policies).

BKent suggested that Clinton would like to be in the same area as Davenport—IBell will check this out. He also thought maybe Muscatine should be associated with Johnson county members.

Special Events

District finals will be held in Des Moines May 14-15, 2011.

Iowa City, Bettendorf, Dubuque, and Cedar Falls continue to participate in the

GNT.

Ron Johnston will help instruct club owners in running team games.

EOlson volunteered to be GNT coordinator. PKoontz will assist.

Need NAOP coordinator: apprise club owners of qualifying period (June, July, August), remind owners of Unit policies, keep owners and players up to date on games, qualifications and District final.

2012 Regional

EOlson proposed that Mason City host the 2012 Regional.

She came with a proposal from the Clarion Inn costing \$6000 which will be spent on hospitality (free lunches). There will be 5000 square feet available along with 6 free rooms (if there are 150 room nights from bridge players).

Sunday Grand Ballroom missing from proposal.

Mason City helps support tournament with grant money.

Motion to accept Mason City as host of the 2012 Regional (around April).
Approved.

BKent reminds Board of upcoming Regionals and proposals are needed.

Newcomers Pamphlet – Wyn Seeley

Tournament information, special events, bridge etiquette with an insert for each area with club information.

WSeeley reports receiving response from ACBL and Rick Mueller about complaints from Bettendorf Regional.

WSeeley reports that the Mount Pleasant Juniors are planning on a bus for Toronto Regionals.

Facilities – Bill Forde

BForde looked into BridgeMates and card dealing machines. Neither is cost effective at this time.

LBrost gave some insight on BridgePads (can do teams, less expensive).

GMehlin feels that players may not want Bridge scorers and the rental cost does not match with recent increase in entry fees.

Tournament Events – Bill Kent

Need to establish policies on running events at our sectionals in order to guide the new Directors we are breaking in.

BKent suggests running Pair/Team games because it is a free opportunity to increase masterpoints.

BKent would like to get ahead in terms of marketing our tournaments.

Hall of Fame

PKoontz spoke for Gary Mehlin, BForde & DTetrault for Dennis Cordle,
BSkogman for

Phil Arnell, BKent for Paulette Koontz.

Gary Mehlin was elected to the Iowa State Bridge League Hall of Fame.

2011 Board Meetings

March 10 Hills

July 28 Cedar Rapids

November 10 Cedar Falls

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10.

2011 organizational meeting called to order at 6:10

President – Maureen Garlich

1st Vice-President – Barb Skogman

Secretary-Treasurer – Bill Kent

Meeting Adjourned at 6:13