

Meeting Minutes as Corrected on Zoom Board of Governors Meeting December 4, 2023

Unit 128 Meeting of the Board of Governors November 9, 2023 The Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach

Morning Session

President Betty Sandifer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. eastern time and a quorum was present.

Board Members Present in Person: Betty Sandifer, President; Athena Gordon, Vice President; Tracy Nolan, Secretary; Jeff Overby, Regional Director; Bruce Lang.

Advisors Present in Person: Debbie Branch, Paul Matheson, Harriet Morris, Patty Johnson, Shannon Cappelletti (Executive Manager) and Jesse Laird (Director In Charge).

Board Members Present Via Zoom: Charlene Predmest, Sam Phillips, and Jay Whipple.

Board Members Absent: Shirley Seals

Advisors Absent: Jeff Edelstein

Approval of Minutes – Betty Sandifer

Board members and advisors were directed to the following documents prepared by Tracy Nolan and provided to them in advance of the meeting:

- *Minutes for Zoom meeting on September 20, 2023*
- *Minutes for Sanibel Board Meeting October 19, 2023*

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2023, Sanibel board meeting was made by Athena Gordon and seconded by Jeff Overby. The motion carried

A motion to approve the minutes from the from the Zoom meeting held on September 20, 2023, was made by Athena Gordon, and seconded by Jeff Overby. The motion carried.

Financial Update - Debbie Branch

Board members and advisors were directed to the *Financial Reports* as prepared by Debbie Branch and provided to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Debbie Branch was made by Athena Gordon and seconded by Jeff Overby. The motion carried.

Tournament Directors Report – Jesse Laird

- Week to date we have 365 tables. Last year’s tournament was not completed, therefore no comparable numbers could be presented from 2022.
- Estimate for Daytona 2023 tournament is 650 total face to face tables and close to 750 tables, including the online game on Saturday.
- Evening games totals: 8.5 Monday, 8.5 Tuesday. 6.5 Wednesday.
- The tournament schedule was discussed.

Tournament Committee Update – Shannon Cappelletti

The following topics were discussed:

- Sanibel tournament.
- Food and Beverage minimums.
- Palm Beach Gardens Regional dates have been changed from August to May 27 to June 2, 2024.
- The Daytona tournament and hotel.

Special Games – Patty Johnson

Board members and advisors were directed to the following reports provided to them in advance of the meeting:

- *2024 Calendar*
- *Proposed Unit 128 Special Games 2024*

The following topics were discussed:

- ACBL calendar will be put out at the end of October.
- Sanctioning of games and upcoming schedule.
- Food and Beverage was discussed.

LBIAD – Betty Sandifer

Board members and advisors were directed to the *LBIAD Report* prepared by Elizabeth Harris and provided to them in advance of the Sanibel board meeting (topic was tabled) and provided to them again in advance of the Daytona meeting.

Betty Sandifer praised Elizabeth Harris for her efforts toward the LBIAD program and noted that the Daytona LBIAD was canceled, due to a low registration number.

Ms. Sandifer proposed that we have one person in each area in Unit 128 whose efforts will be dedicated exclusively to furthering education in bridge year-round for the betterment of bridge in their area, the unit, and all of Florida.

Tournament Naming Rights Policy – Betty Sandifer

A motion that we authorize the executive committee to create a policy, or decline to create a policy, by the end of the week and that we notify Todd Wachsman by the end of the week of this decision was made by Jeff Overby and seconded by Athena Gordon. The motion carried.

Gold Rush Table Counts – Jesse Laird

Board members and directors were directed to the *Gold Rush Table Count* document prepared by Jesse Laird and provided to them in advance of the meeting.

After discussion the topic was tabled for further brainstorming.

Potential Board Size/Reduction – Jeff Overby

Board applicant, Tim Archdeacon, entered the meeting and was introduced to the board by Jeff Overby.

David Rogers and Elizabeth Harris have stepped down from the board.

A motion to give Shirley Seals, when she chooses to resign, advisory or emeritus status was made by Bruce Lang.

An amendment to the motion was made by Betty Sandifer and Jeff Overby to change the word “resign” to “retire.” The amendment was accepted by Bruce Lang. Athena Gordon seconded the motion as amended. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Lang to reduce the size of the board. The motion was tabled by majority of the board and the process to amend the by-laws to reduce the board size by the vacant seats will reviewed. A by-laws committee will be formed to review the areas and size of the board.

Unit 128 Membership Size – Betty Sandifer

In 2018, Unit 128 had 15,775 members. In 2023, we now have 12,227 members.

New Board Member Position – Jeff Overby

A motion to appoint Tim Archdeacon to fill one of the two open slots in the Miami area was made by Bruce Lang and seconded by Athena Gordon. Motion carried.

Elections – Betty Sandifer

Office of President

A motion was made to nominate Jeff Overby for President of the Unit 128 Board was made by Athena Gordon and seconded by Bruce Lang. The motion carried. Jeff Overby was elected by acclamation for the position of President of Unit 128 effective Monday, November 13, 2023.

Office of Vice President

The following people were considered for the position of Vice President of the Unit 128 Board: Betty Sandifer, Jay Whipple, and Sam Phillips. The election process for the position of Vice President was tabled until the afternoon session.

Office of Secretary

President-Elect, Jeff Overby gave the following background to the board: Tracy Nolan has successfully fulfilled her commitment as Secretary to the Unit 128 Board until the last Unit 128 Board meeting in November 2023 at Daytona Beach Regional.

A motion was made to nominate Athena Gordon for the position of Secretary of the Unit 128 Board by President-Elect, Jeff Overby and seconded by Secretary, Tracy Nolan.

A motion that nominations be closed for the position of Secretary was made by President-Elect, Jeff Overby and seconded by Tracy Nolan. The motion carried.

Athena Gordon was elected by acclamation to the position of Secretary of Unit 128 effective Monday, November 13, 2023.

Office of Treasurer

Bruce Lang nominated Tim Archdeacon for the position of Treasurer of Unit 128. President-Elect, Jeff Overby seconded the nomination.

A motion that nominations be closed for the position of Treasurer was made by President-Elect, Jeff Overby and seconded by Athena Gordon. The motion carried.

Tim Archdeacon was elected by acclamation to the position of Treasurer of Unit 128 effective Monday, November 13, 2023.

The meeting was recessed at 9:43 a.m. to continue at 2:00 p.m. eastern time.

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Afternoon Session

Betty Sandifer reconvened the Board of Governors meeting at 2:00 p.m. eastern time and a quorum was present.

Board Members Present in Person: Betty Sandifer, President; Athena Gordon, Vice President; Tracy Nolan, Secretary; Jeff Overby, Regional Director; Bruce Lang,

Board Members Absent: Sam Phillips, Charlene Predmest, Shirley Seals, Jay Whipple

Advisors Present: Shannon Cappelletti, Harriet Morris

Advisors Absent: Jeff Edelstein, Jesse Laird, Paul Matheson

Elections (Continued from Morning Session) – Betty Sandifer

Office of Vice President

Betty Sandifer was nominated for the position of Vice President of the Unit 128 by President- Elect, Jeff Overby and seconded by Bruce Lang.

A motion was made to close nominations for the position of Vice President of Unit 128 was made by President-Elect, Jeff Overby and seconded by Bruce Lang. The motion carried.

Betty Sandifer was elected to the office of Vice President of Unit 128 by Monday, November 13, 2023.

The Officer positions of:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected for a two-year term beginning on Monday, November 8, 2023.

Potential Board Size/Reduction (Continued from Morning Discussion) – Jeff Overby

The Board of Governors authorized President-Elect, Jeff Overby to create a document to be presented to the membership for discussion and a vote to amend the by-laws to reduce the size of the Unit 128 Board of Governors. A motion to revise the Unit 128 by-laws to reduce the Unit 128 Board size was made by President-Elect, Jeff Overby, and seconded by Secretary, Athena Gordon:

*Eliminate 1 position from Area 1.
Eliminate no positions from Area 2.
Eliminate no positions from Area 3.*

*Eliminate 1 position from area 4.
Eliminate 1 position from Area 5.
Eliminate no positions from Area 6.*

The motion carried.

New Business:

Unit 128 Website

Athena Gordon requested funds for updating the Unit 128 website and logo. She volunteered to spearhead this project and get a cost estimate to the Board of Governors.

A motion was made to adjourn the Board of Governors Meeting by Athena Gordon and seconded by Bruce Lang. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m. eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy H. Nolan
Unit 128 Board Secretary

Corrected on December 4, 2023 by:

**Athena B Gordon
Unit 128 Secretary**

The following reports were provided to board members and advisors for review in advance of the meeting:

Minutes:

October 19, 2023 – Sanibel Board Meeting

September 20, 2023 – Meeting Via Zoom (Tabled from Sanibel Meeting)

Gold Rush Report

Proposed Unit Special Games Calendar

2024 Tournament Calendar

LBIAD Sanibel Report (Tabled from Sanibel Meeting)

Tournament Naming Rights Policy Report (Tabled from Sanibel Meeting)

Financial Reports prepared by Debbie Branch: October 2023 Financials Package