

Unit 128 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2024 at
Southeasterns Regional Tournament
Marriott Coral Springs, Florida

President Jeff Overby called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and a quorum was present.

Board Members Present in Person:

Jeff Overby, President; Athena Gordon, Secretary; Jay Whipple, Treasurer; Tracy Nolan, Charlene Predmest

Board Members, Advisors Present Via Zoom:

Betty Sandifer, Vice President; Bruce Lang, Paul Matheson (Advisor),

Advisors Present in Person:

Don Aschenbrenner, Debbie Branch, Shannon Cappelletti, Executive Manager; Jesse Laird, Director In Charge

Board Members and Advisors Absent:

Joann Vergnolle (Advisor), Sam Phillips

Introduction of Don Aschenbrenner as a new Advisor to the Board of Governors from St. Petersburg area.

Approval of Board of Governors Meeting Minutes from Zoom Meeting, February 16, 2024 by Jeff Overby.

Board members were referred to the Board of Governors meeting minutes that had been provided to them in advance of this meeting. After discussion, there were no corrections or amendments.

1. A motion was duly made by Jay Whipple and seconded by Charlene Predmest to approve the February 16, 2024, Board of Governors meeting minutes in the form provided to the Governors in advance of this meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

General Membership Meeting was to be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 2:00pm.

The meeting did not have a quorum and was dispersed at 2:13pm by Jeff Overby.

Membership Chair Report by Betty Sandifer

Board members were referred to the Lapsed Membership Report provided to them in advance of this meeting. Highlights of Report:

- We made our quota for the first quarter of 2024.
- We need to continue making calls to our lapsed and “at risk” constituents.
- This need to be an effort of all board members and if everyone made 50-75 calls, Unit 128 goals would be attained easily.

STaC Coordinator Report by Betty Sandifer

Board members were referred to the StaC Report that had been provided to them in advance of this meeting. Highlights of Report:

- The ACBL will be collecting proceeds from STaC games like they do for regular club games.
- ACBL will collect \$7.50/table for every StaC and give back \$2.30/table to the sponsor.
- Unit 128 will net less money from StaC than in the past, but challenging collection process will be eliminated.

Stipend for YNABC by Betty Sandifer

1. Motion was made by Tracy Nolan and seconded by Charlene Predmest to provide the Unit 128 juniors attending the YNABC in Toronto, Canada a post event stipend of \$500.00 per child. The attendees will provide receipts for expenses and will be reimbursed up to \$500.00 provided they play in 4 out of the 6 tournament sessions at the YNABC in Toronto, Canada. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer’s Report by Debbie Branch

Board members and advisors were referred to the Financial reports, provided to them in advance of this meeting.

Year-end Financials:

- Cash equals \$356,000
- Net Income was \$26,000
- 2023 Regionals netted a \$55,000 profit.

Year to Date Financials:

- Cash equals \$323,000
- Net income was minus \$12,000
- There have been no regionals year to date

Unit has 2 CDs yielding 5.6% and one MM yielding around 4%.

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s reports was made by Jeff Overby and seconded by Bruce Lang. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Reduction of Unit 128 Board Size by Jeff Overby

Motion to amend the Bylaws and reduce the Unit 128 Board of Governors size as proposed in the document provided prior to the meeting as well as listed below was made by Jeff Overby and seconded by Jay Whipple. The amendment to the bylaws is effective immediately. A discussion was followed by a vote. A majority of the Board of Governors voted to approve the proposal with one abstention. Motion carried.

Proposed reduction of Unit 128 Board size.

ARTICLE IV- Administration of Organization Affairs

Section 3.

The geographical territory of the UNIT is divided into AREAS to provide proportionate representation of the membership on the Board of Governors. These AREAS and the number of Board members elected from each AREA are:

Area 1: (two members) – **proposed change is to reduce to 1**

Area 2: (three members) proposed to remain the same until a vacancy occurs.

Area 3: (two members)- **proposed change is to reduce to 1**

Area 4: (two members)- **proposed change is to reduce to 1**

Area 5: (two members)- **proposed change is to reduce to 1**

Area 6: (two members)- proposed to remain the same until a vacancy occurs.

NLM Regionals by Jesse Laird

Discussion about proposal made by Jesse Larid, Tournament Director in advance of the District 9 meeting on Friday, April 5, 2024.

Tournament Director’s Report by Jesse Laird

437 tables to date compared to last year, which had 369 tables at the Boca Raton site. Hence, the Southeasterns tournament is trending much higher in 2024 than in 2023. Table count projected at 1000 for the week.

Flyers need to be created a year in advance and a process needs to be developed to reach this goal. Flyers for Sanibel and Daytona need to be available at the Palm Beach Gardens Regional.

Motion to adjourn Unit 128 Board of Governors Meeting made by Athena Gordon and seconded by Jeff Overby. Motion to adjourn approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:37am.

Unit 128 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes Submitted By:

Athena Gordon

Unit 128, Secretary

Reports provided in email packets prior to the meeting:

1. February 16, 2024, Unit 128 BOG Meeting Minutes
2. Unit 128 Financial Package
3. Proposed Reduction of Unit 128 Board of Governors
4. NLM Proposal
5. Membership Report
6. STaC Report
7. YNABC Report

The Next Unit 128 Board of Governors Meetings are scheduled for:

Palm Beach Gardens Regional; Thursday, May 30, 2024

Sanibel Regional; Thursday, October 10, 2024

Daytona Beach Regional; Thursday, November 7, 2024