

UNIT 131 ACBL, INC.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2018

President Robert Weaver called to order the Annual Membership Meeting of Unit 131 ACBL, Inc. at 1:40 p.m.

Michael Hughes a former board member, took the floor and objected to the meeting being held. He cited section 355.257 of Missouri statute governing Missouri corporations. This calls for notice to be given by mail to the membership 30 days in advance. Mr. Hughes thinks emailed notices do not comply with this regulation. No action was taken but the objection is duly noted.

Robert asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 29, 2017 Annual Meeting. Copies were available to the attendees. There being none, the **minutes of the May 29, 2017 stand approved.**

Robert then gave a brief overview of “the state of the board”. He felt there was much less disagreement among board members and hopes this will encourage interest among the membership in serving. Next he addressed the issue of declining membership numbers. This has been a continuing trend for some time however the 0-750mp member group is growing which is a hopeful sign that the trend is starting to reverse.

Treasurer Rajeev Bansal presented the audited Income/Expenditure Report for 2017 showing a net income of \$14,009.00 for the year and a December 31st, 2017 adjusted closing balance of \$55,918.16. His report cited reductions of operating expenses. The reductions are largely due to eliminating printing and mailing costs of our newsletter “The Declarer” and our member roster. Both are now digital and are available on the unit website. No vote was taken to approve the financials as they had been approved by the board at their March meeting.

A vote to approved changes in the By-Laws was postponed until the July 13,2018. This was because of an error in formatting the vote notice. It will be reformatted and reposted. The vote by the general membership will take place at the summer sectional.

Richard Jones presented trophy's to the winners in the novice game for the 0-99 mp players.

Robert Weaver announced the results of the elections for at-large seats on the Board of Directors. They are as follows:

Stan Coons

Alan Hierseman(re-election)

Richard Jones(re-election)

Carl Shipley(re-election)

Vicki Muir

The officers seats were all unopposed. New officers are as follows:

Norman Kahn-President

Bar Kaelter-1st Vice President

Tory Billard-2nd Vice President

Wynne Begun-Secretary

Jim Dorman-Treasurer

Robert Weaver as the immediate past president also holds a seat on the board for the next two years. Congratulations to all! Outgoing board members were thanked for their service.

It was noted that longtime director Chris Patrias is retiring. He was thanked for his many years of keeping Unit 131 tournaments on schedule and "in line".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanne Kyte

Board Secretary