

SOUTHERN SECTION MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

10:00 AM

FITZ HOTEL PLAYING AREA

MEETING CALLED BY	Birnell Hatcher, SVP
TYPE OF MEETING	General Membership
FACILITATOR	Birnell Hatcher, SVP
NOTE TAKER .	Lillian M. Holeman , Section Sec.
TIMEKEEPER	SVP
ATTENDEES	42 members present

Agenda topics

ADGENDA APPROVAL:
 MOTION BY JACKIE HARRIS
 AND SECONDED BY JAMES
 TANKSLEY (AFTER
 CORRECTIONS

INVOCATION: WINTON KING

Minutes Read by Lillian Holeman /recorded by Edith Knowlton

CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES:	No scholarship money returned. Information sent to Rosetta Boyd rather than Emma Fountain to put on website. Lee Rambert thought that election irregularities should be stated. It was suggested that irregularities be sent to ethic committee for discussion and resolution. Minutes should be placed on web page with the corrections.	
TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Dwight Bush		
MLK Tournament net profit \$2,327.19. Expenses and income given. (Report attached) Accepted as information.		
SVP REPORT: BIRNELL HATCHER	Copy in Southern Exposure (passed out in meeting).Highlights mentioned: 1) SS still largest section. All members need to be recruiters,2) Want presidents to send in names of deceased members so that names will not need to be called out during memorial service.3) Clubs need to report the amount of scrip they have on hand ASAP.	
Additionally: Ms. Hatcher reminded members of the reporting procedure for Sectional dues so that Sectional membership will match National membership. Explain that the officers should make sure that we have their emails so that we can send the procedures for reporting dues (will be produced by Lillian Holeman, SS Sec. and Dwight Bush,SS treasurer) before dues are reported for 2016. Emma Fountain suggested that Officers use the SS website to get the necessary forms and reporting procedures. She also suggested a training session for the submission of the SS dues at the next SS general meeting. Members with computers are requested to share information with those that do not have computers. Complete report attached for your viewing.		
MERIT AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP	LEATRICE BELL	NEED ASAP
Ms. Bell was absent but sent word that all clubs should get busy with their submissions for Merit & Life Membership considerations,		
SCHOLARSHIP REPORT BY Olivia Green" 3 scholarships of \$1000 to each section of the ABA. If a section does not submit someone, another section may use for that year ONLY.GET FORMS FROM NATIONAL OFFICE OR WEBSITE. Listed under FOUNDATION on website.		

STAFF DEVELOPMENT
 GO TO WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON BECOMING A DIRECTOR.TRYING TO WORK WITH ANYONE INTERESTED IN TRAINING OR UPDATING.

SHIRLEY WILLIAMS

DIRECTOR RULINGS	Jackie McLoyd wanted to know how to get directors to respond on challenged rulings in a timely manner. Response:
Go through Ethics and Appeal person. (forms available for written appeals). This committee should discuss & resolve if possible, if can't, move to the next level (unit and then sectional) until resolved.	
NEW TOURNAMENT CHAIR: ERIC SHELTON had to resign because of being elected to Nat. Vice President. Noel Newman will take his place.	
UNFINISHED	CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS BY Gwen Middlebrooks

BUSINESS		
<p>Got a representative from all states in the ABA except Florida to serve on committee. Consulting with Iris West – ABA parliamentarian. The committee will check to see what clubs have constitutions. Will be making changes; example: weekend tournaments need to be removed because some tournaments are held during the week. <i>If any member has suggestion about the Constitution, please submit by the end of September. By-Laws can be done at any time.</i> Was suggested that the ABA Handbook be checked to see if a club or sectional Constitution conflicts with the National Constitution. Winton King wanted to know if there was a standing Constitution & By-Laws Committee .Response: This new Adhoc committee will be it. No standing committee. Adhoc committee formed when needed.</p>		
SPRING NATIONAL TOURNAMENT	SOUTHERN SECTION RESPONSABLE	DEADLINE
VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SPRING NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN ORLANDO, FLA!!! NEEDED CHAIRS ARE LISTED IN SOUTHERN EXPOSURE, Call or email Vernice Whitfield:904 210 5356/vcwhit@att.net if interested		
Question: Do or can the ABA have set places for tournaments like ACBL? Should ask at the National Tournament. Presently = NO,		

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

WORTH CHRISTLER	<p>Wanted to know if we have a sectional tournament committee for scheduling? He was concerned about members participating in the Knock out Finals not being able to participate in Swiss Team game (scheduling conflict). He stated that there were not enough players in the knock out team game to have a decent side game. SVP will look into it for future tournaments.</p> <p>New players from Columbus, GA DID NOT LIKE HAVING TO PLAY AGAINST SEASONED PLAYERS. Explained that there were not enough new players to have a new player's flight. Andy Williams suggested Bd. of Match team game.</p>
RECOGNITIONS	
<p>Gloria Christler: National Vice President, Worth Christler: NTA Chair; Sam Graham: National Ed. Chair (not in attendance) Shirley Williams: Budget and Finance chair; Bill Turner: Web Master; Dorothy Nance: SVP Southwestern; Reggie Chapman: NTC Chair (not in attendance).</p> <p>Announced that Teacher workshop following meeting making it necessary for us to be time conscious.</p>	
MEETING ADJOURNED BY SVP BIRNELL HATCHER	

	Southern Section website address: aba-ss.com
	SVP B Hatcher thanked all in attendance
SPECIAL NOTES	All committee chairs promised to send an email copy of their report to be attached to the minutes.