

Northern Indiana Unit 154

Minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Club 4618 E. State Blvd., Suite 101, Fort Wayne, Indiana

June 1, 2025

Call to Order

TERRY BAUER

Just prior to the start of the 3rd match of the Sunday Swiss Team event, Unit 154 President, Terry Bauer, called to order the Unit 154 Annual Meeting.

Introduction of Board of Directors

TERRY BAUER

Terry introduced himself and those unit Board members in attendance – Phil Eyermann, Dimi Cooklev, Wayne Carpenter, and Ken Bisson.

President's Report

TERRY BAUER

Terry welcomed the Fort Wayne Sectional tournament players and reported that Unit 154 currently holds two tournaments per year - a summer event in Fort Wayne and in autumn event in Michigan City. Unit 154 is planning a 2026 Regional Tournament at Trine University. The dates of July 29 – August 2, 2026 have been requested of ACBL for this event.

Treasurer's Report

KEN BISSON

(Please see the Treasurer's report linked to these minutes.) Secretary/Treasurer Ken Bisson was introduced to provide a brief report. As of June 1, 2024, Unit funds were just over \$33,000.00. As of June 1, 2025, the Unit funds were a few hundred dollars more than a year ago. Ken reported that the most significant distribution of our funds was \$3,300. \$300 Baron Barclay gift cards were provided to the Club Managers of the 11 Unit 154 Clubs last fall. This allowed Clubs to update their equipment and supplies.

Mini-McKenney Medals

TERRY BAUER

Unit 154 President Terry Bauer recognized those winners of the Unit 154 2024 Mini-McKenney Races who were present and awarded them their medals. Frank Kliegel won for the 0-5 point race,

Dimi Cooklev won the 300 – 500 point race, Kim Grant won the 2500 – 3500 point race, Gary Chaney won the 3500 – 5000 point race, and Joe Shull won the 5000 – 7500 point race.

New Business - Proposed Bylaws Amendments

TERRY BAUER

Secretary Ken Bisson asked for a quorum call and explained that Bylaws changes required a 2/3 approval of those Unit 154 members present. There were 48 Unit 154 members present, more than the 22 members required to make a quorum. Terry asked Ken to summarize the proposed changes. Ken explained that he and Kim Grant worked together during the past two years to create the proposed revision of Unit 154 Bylaws. The significant changes, Ken explained, were reducing the time that a Board member was required to wait to rejoin the Board (from a two-year pause to one year) and changing the manner of the election of Board members. The proposed Bylaws allow each Unit 154 Face-to-Face Club to elect a Board member to represent their Club. In the past, the Board was responsible for overseeing the election of all Board members across the entire Unit. Once these changes are approved, the Clubs will conduct their own elections as they see fit.

There was a motion to approve the proposed amended Bylaws which was seconded. An affirmative vote was unanimous by acclamation, there being no “nay” votes heard.

Old Business

TERRY BAUER

No old business was discussed.

Adjourn

All business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth A. Bisson
Secretary/Treasurer

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