



## Ft. Western Unit 183 Minutes

March 24, 2010

Board Members Present: All

A. President, Steve Shirey called the meeting to order at : 5:30PM

B. Minutes of February 17, 2010, were approved and posted.E.Hudson

C. Treasurer's Report:

Tom Hughes presented a new report, with amendments which the Board approved. He reported that the utility bills are being paid electronically and proceeding smoothly. He is getting ready to file income tax forms before April 15, 2010. The treasurer paid for an ad to the Scorecard for the November 2009, Sectional. Tom also, mentioned about a renewal for insurance, but was not sure for what this insurance covers.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. June Sectional (June4-6, 2010)Carolyn Pinto reported on the parking situation for this tournament. At the time of the Board meeting, Carolyn did not have the information, but on an email dated April 1, 2010, Carolyn reported to all Board members that a parking fee of \$5.00 dollars would be assessed to all bridge players with no in or out options. She then , negotiated with the Facilities' Manager to issue passes for our bridge players for this one sectional , to go out and eat lunch or dinner or both, without an additional charge. Carolyn made a suggestion to the Board, that we meet personally with this Facilities' Manager to negotiate future tournament parking fees, and if we do not get a favorable parking option, that we begin a search for a new facility to start holding future tournaments. Max Jackson. Spoke on the details on buying the storage trailer from Gary Niesler. The Board gave him the approval to buy this trailer at his discretion up to an approximate cost of \$2,000 dollars. The Board also approved for Max to start shopping for storage facilities to store this trailer. Bridge Tables. Max reported on negotiations going on to buy bridge tables with Michael Goldman as the middleman for this transaction. He reported that one pallet holds 28 tables at a cost of \$19.75 per table with delivery costs included. Dallas, Arlington and Ft. Worth Units will all be buying tables through this one order and Max will coordinate number of tables each unit orders and place the order.(Jackson also mentioned, that the new tables will be used at the studio, while we

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will store the old tables.) Janet Jordan will meet with Michael Goldman to see if he can also buy wholesale bidding boxes, especially the ones called, Bridge Buddy.

## 2. BRIDGEMATE:

Margot Hirsch reported that Bridgemate 's trial period will soon be coming to an end on April 6, 2010. Arlington Unit has not been experiencing technical problems, and their Board has voted to buy the Bridgemate plus the Shuffler. Ft. Worth Unit has been experiencing technical problems, and Margot suggested that the Directors call the contact telephone number or visit their web page. Most bridge players would like for the 'travelers' to continue to be used, at least until the technical problems have been worked out.

## 3. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Steve Shirey gave the Board a list of the Standing Committees which were approved with a couple of changes: Diane Washabaugh - was assigned Facilities Chairperson, and under the Tournament Committee, Diane was assigned the Hospitality post. These committee appointments should be posted in our Unit's web page.

## 4. STORAGE OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL RECORDS:

E. Hudson reported that Kay Jones gave her Locker #2 to store all the paper minutes for Unit 183 that are still available. Tom Nute is working on 'burning' onto disc form of these minutes. Hudson suggested to the Board that these discs should be stored in a bank deposit box for safety reasons.

## 5. AWARDS NIGHT:

Shirey, reported that all is ready for Awards night, April 7, 2010, which will be held during the Unit Game directed by Linda Spangler. Awards and award letters have been mailed and we are looking forward to a great turnout.

## 6. BOD INSURANCE:

Shirey reported that Bill Walker along with Tom Hughes will be heading a committee to do an 'in-house' audit of the Unit's financial records for 2009. Shirey to discuss with Dick Simon as to the technicality, whether Ft. Worth's

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Directors are considered 'employees' of the unit, for insurance purposes.

#### 7. DUPLICATING MACHINE:

C. Pinto presented to the Board a written proposal for proceeds from the Non-Life Master Tournament to purchase PlayBridge Dealer 4. Carolyn gave a speech regarding the need to buy 'the shuffler' and how directors needed this machine, especially, during special games, where directors have to make the boards by hand. Max Jackson made the following questions concerning 'the shuffler' which reflects other questions other board members also made:

- Will the shuffler use special cards?
- Will the shuffler use bar-coded cards?
- Will the shuffler use infra-red cards?
- Will the shuffler use regular cards?
- Will the shuffler use both regular and jumbo-sized cards?
- When cards are fed into the shuffler, are they put in randomly or in some kind of order?
- Do you have to have special card holders for the shuffler?
- After the shuffler deals the cards, where do the bridge hands end up?
- How does the shuffler put the cards into the boards?
- What is the longevity of a set of cards(food or drink stains, wear and tear) that the shuffler will accept?
- How does pre-determined ACBL generated hands put into the shuffler?
- If the shuffler generates random hands, will it also produce hand records for these hands?
- Can random hands generated by the shuffler be played simultaneously in two different sections?

Carolyn Pinto, said she would research our questions and bring us some answers.

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E. NEW BUSINESS:

Sunshine Committee:

Margot Hirsch reported the the Unit will send card condolences to the following families in the loss of their loved ones:

Yvonne Lee

Burt Kifer

John Mixon

Mary Stone

The following bridge players have had:

Cynthia Benton, car accident

J'Neane Huey, surgery

Donna Rosz, surgery

F. Adjournment-6:50PM

Respectfully submitted,

E. Hudson , Secretary

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