

**Fort Western Unit 183
Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2011**

Present: Max Jackson, Diane Washabaugh, Elizabeth Hudson, Steve Shirey, Carolyn Pinto, Tom Moore, Margot Hirsch

Steve Shirey, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Steve presented the May meeting's revised minutes. They were approved as written.

Carolyn Pinto, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. From April 2011 to May 2011, the table count has increased twenty-one (21) tables. However, the bank balance is down from last month by \$962.41. Carolyn stated that the month would have shown a positive gain were it not for the GNT fees that totaled \$1202.00. The report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Directory

Steve reported that the next edition of the new phone directory is at the copy shop. It should be ready soon. Selling of the new current directory (orange cover) will cease immediately. Steve will notify the directors. When the next edition of the new directory (pink cover) arrives, players may exchange their orange-covered directories for pink ones at no charge. Pink-covered directories will cost \$2.00 each. The board appreciates Janet Jordan's work in updating and printing the new directory.

Bylaws Committee

Margot Hirsch, Chair, reported on the Bylaws Committee. The members of the unit-wide committee are: Mary Jane Orock, Mary Lou Collins, Joe Harbour, Mary Hoger, and Caron Peck. The committee's purpose is to recommend to the Fort Western Unit 183 Board of Directors bylaws amendments for ACBL rules and regulations compliance and enhanced Unit 183 growth and governance. The Bylaws were last revised in 1993.

The committee held its initial meeting on June 7 and is working diligently. Margot passed out information to the board that will assist members as they review the Bylaws. She asked for board members' input. Also, she emphasized the importance of input from all Unit 183 members in good standing. All ideas and suggestions should be submitted in writing as soon as possible. Margot's email address is Hirschme@aol.com.

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Unit-wide Game: Stratified Pairs Game to show appreciation for Unit 183 Directors
Tom Moore reported on the Unit-wide Game for Director Appreciation. **It will take place on the same date at three locations with various start times:**

Saturday, July, 9, 2011

**Denton, TX: 9:30 a.m.
Fort Worth, TX: 1:00 p.m.
Arlington, TX: 1:00 p.m.**

ALL clubs in Unit 183 may participate as long as there is a minimum of five (5) tables. Clubs may charge up to \$1.00 more per player than the club's normal game fee. Contact Tom Moore or reference the Unit 183 website for more information.

Tom will create a set of boards and email them to each participating club one week in advance of the game. Each site is responsible for its hospitality and food. Diane Washabaugh will print free play certificates for each director present. The certificate will have a face value of \$7.00, redeemable only at a future unit-sponsored event. Diane will deliver the certificates to Tom who will distribute them to the participating sites.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve distributed a copy of the memorandum from Concerned Members of Unit 183 to the Unit 183 Board of Directors. The board reviewed all of the issues enumerated in the memorandum. The Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on:

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

4:30 p.m.

Fort Worth Studio

All Fort Worth players are invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for all Fort Worth players to share growth and improvement ideas and suggestions with the Board for the Fort Worth Studio and Unit 183. Steve will organize the meeting and prepare an agenda.

The Board of Directors went into Executive Session to address the board vacancies. After first consideration of last fall's election, the board chose Nora Oliver and Jerry Cosby to serve on the board through December 2011.

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When the next election is held, the top three candidates elected will each serve a three-year term. The fourth-elected candidate will serve a two-year term. The fifth-elected candidate will serve a one-year term.

Diane Washabaugh will serve as Board Vice President through December 2011. The filling of the Secretary position was tabled until the next meeting. Minutes at the next meeting will be taken by Elizabeth Hudson. Diane Washabaugh will review, revise, and submit to the Board for final approval all minutes from January-April 2011.

In regular session, again, Tom Moore requested approval for a **Non-Life Master Tournament**. The request was approved. The tournament will take place on **October 22-23, 2011 in Arlington, TX**.

One suggestion was retrieved from the Suggestion Box. It was given to Margot to share with the Bylaws Committee.

Margot gave the Sunshine Report. The board sends its sympathy to Lee McFarlane and her family for the loss of her husband. Carol Stodghill is recovering well after surgery and a heart attack. Dee Berg is also recovering well after oral surgery. Keith McCall had chest pains, but is doing well once more. The board sends its sympathy to Sue Rowe and her family for the loss of her husband.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Hirsch,
Interim Secretary