

Unit 183 Special Board Meeting
La Madeleine Restaurant
1:00 P.M.
June 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Diane Washabaugh. Members in attendance were Tom Moore, Jerry Cosby, Margot Hirsch, Elizabeth Hudson, Max Jackson, Nora Oliver and Carolyn Pinto.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the resignation of President Steve Shirey. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Steve's resignation and installed Diane Washabaugh as the new President.

Diane gave the Board a warm welcome, especially to the two new Board members, Jerry Cosby and Nora Oliver. Diane expressed her desire that the new Board move forward with a positive outlook for the future of Unit 183. She encouraged the Board to work as a team and to keep the Unit's best interests in mind as we work through this difficult period of transition.

Executive Session. At this time the Board went into Executive Session to elect a new board member. Joe Harbour was selected. It was noted that the three new board members (Jerry Cosby, Nora Oliver and Joe Harbour) will serve through the end of 2011 at which time they have the option to run for new terms in the next Board election in September.

Regular Session. At this time the board was back in regular session.

Election of Officers.

President Washabaugh called for nominations for Vice President. A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect Tom Moore as Vice President. Tom will fill this position through the end of 2011.

President Washabaugh called for nominations for Secretary. A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect Elizabeth Hudson as Secretary. Elizabeth will fill this position through the end of 2011.

Club Organizations. Carolyn Pinto made a presentation on how other clubs in Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, Arlington and Denton are organized in comparison to the Fort Worth club. The board thanked her for this information. A copy is attached to these minutes for reference.

Town Hall Meeting - July 5, 2011. The Board agreed to hold this meeting at the Ft. Worth Studio from 4:30-6:00pm. The meeting will be conducted in an orderly manner and speakers will be asked to sign-up for five minute presentations. The speakers will also be asked to identify the subject of their presentation in order to create an agenda. The Town Meeting will be announced on the website and a poster placed at the Fort Worth Studio. The Board will listen to the concerns of the bridge players and take their concerns under advisement. All ideas will be discussed and given full consideration at the next Board meeting on July 18, 2011.

Finalization of Minutes. President Washabaugh presented copies of the minutes that had been amended for the Board's approval. There being no further corrections, additions or discussion, the minutes of January, February, March, and May 2011 were accepted. They will be posted along with the original submission on the wall of the Fort Worth Studio.

2012 Board Election.

Nominating Committee. The Board appointed Elizabeth Hudson to chair this committee. Her committee of six members will present a slate of candidates who will run for five new board positions for 2012.

Election Committee. The Board appointed Tom Moore to Chair this committee. Tom and his committee will be responsible for sending out the ballot and finalize the tally of all votes cast on on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

This election will be unique in that five candidates will be elected. The top three vote recipients will fill the 3-year terms, the fourth vote recipient will fill the 2-year term, and the fifth vote recipient will fill the 1-year term.

Fall Sectional - September 9-11, 2011

Tournament Partnership Chair. Carolyn Pinto reported that although Darlene Shirey had resigned as Partnership Chair, Darlene had reconsidered and would continue in that position. The Board welcomed her participation.

Tournament Hospitality Chair. Nora Oliver will continue as Tournament Hospitality Chair. She announced the theme for the upcoming Sectional as "Our Brave Heroes".

Committee Chair. The Board accepted Darlene Shirey's resignation as Unit 183 Hospitality Chair. Nora Oliver was selected as Unit Hospitality Chair. This position is responsible for food and decorations at the Fort Worth Studio during Unit sponsored events.

District 16 Representative. The Board declined to accept Steve Shirey's offer to represent Unit 183 at the San Antonio Regional at the annual meeting on July 2. Elizabeth Hudson was selected as the representative for this one meeting only. The District 16 Representative position will be selected at the next Board meeting.

Committee Reports

Standing Rules & Bylaws. Margot Hirsch reported that her Committee is working very hard. Margot asked the Board members to check the ACBL's web page on this particular subject and read other units' documents to see how their rules and regulations compare with Unit 183. Margot asked the Board members to give her input after reading these documents. Margot reminded the Board that we are not in compliance with ACBL rules and regulations. Margot hopes to be ready at the July Board Meeting to present their recommendations.

Sunshine Committee: Ann Kennemer is at home ill and ~~somebody else is sick?~~ and Ann Rushford and Travis King are also ill. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at: 2:30 P.M.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Hudson
Secretary



Dallas



- Assigns Tournaments to each club
- Decide How to Divide the Unit Games = Clause
New A = Girls-Own B = Diverse C = Diverse
- Decide Where the GNT/NAOP Unit Finals will be held
- Budget for Tournament

Unit / 83 / Fort Worth Club
Board of Directors

2 MAJOR CLUBS Unit Meetings do Exclude Grants or Bureaucracy

Arlington

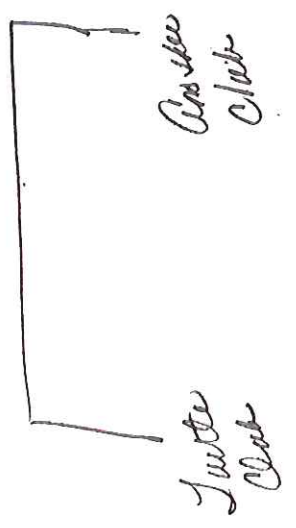
- Own Board
- Have Budget
- Run a Self-Sufficient Club
- Web page
- Education, Finance, ...

Denton

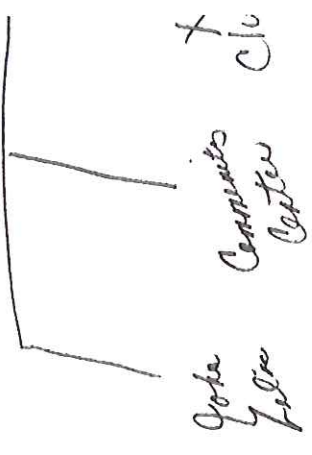
Same as Arlington

Excluding or Sectional Tournaments

San Antonio



Houston



Do MAKE These Same Decision

How do clubs you see main focus

How always heard for the Unit Event

- GNT/NAOP layout - what do District 16 Rep. who will
- Unit Games - setting out
- Awards Night
- Look at our Bylaws there are the things we should be doing

However, Unit 183 Board is the Fort Worth Club Board and its always have been. That is why our members always award & placed in

one member of Arlington be on the
ballot and next of the time since
all the Arlington players will vote
for them. They were elected.

We never expected so many
people that June outside of Fort
Worth making decisions for
the Fort Worth Club.

I don't know what we are trying
to do in the future but if the
trend continues then we must
consider a Unit 193 Board of
Directors and a separate Fort
Worth Board of Directors in
my opinion.

