

Fort Western Unit 183

Board Meeting

October 19, 2011

Nora Oliver's Home

All Board members present.

- A. President Washabaugh called the meeting to order at: 5:30 P.M.
- B. Minutes of September 2011, were approved by the Board.
- C. Treasurer's report. Pinto's report was approved with one minor change. Pinto reported the large expenditures and the losses from the September Sectional. This report to be posted at the Studio and the web page. Pinto emphasized the new reporting of finances for the Unit by stressing the importance of transparency and clarity in reporting of these expenditures. She has started the beginning of a good groundwork to create a data base which can be used cumulatively to compare past expenses and be able to theorize what expenses are expected in the future based on past expenses. The Board highly approved of the treasurer's job and was Thanked for doing such an outstanding job.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Unit Growth(Easybridge) Lauren Brown's report was reported for by : Pinto. She reported that Lauren has eight active students meeting on Wednesday evenings. Suggestions were made by the Board to attract more participants to send out letters to all clubs in Unit 183 and try to have a Unit-wide meeting in order to involve more persons. This meeting will be organized by Pinto to take place before 2012. This meeting should also help to promote growth in our Unit and to have inter-club interaction and promote networking in this field of Growth.
2. Tournaments. Pinto. a. September 9-11, 2011, Sectional. Pinto reported that a loss of :\$1,761.02 was a result of several factors: The timing of the Sectional was not a good one, since it was held the following weekend after Dallas held their Labor Day Regional.\*Parking was also an issue. The \$5 dollar fee was also a detriment to the tournament's success.\*Lessons learned: There was a problem with having hired too many caddies. Pinto will meet with Jordan(Caddy Tournament Co-ordinator) to discuss to improve this situation.\*Flyers. The flyers advertising the tournament were in black and white because of problems with the computer printing.\*Pinto sent a formal letter to the Amon Carter thanking them for being the venue for our sectionals for many years.\* Pinto also supplied the Board with a Financial Report for the Sectional which should be posted at the Studio.

b.REGIONAL REPORT-2012.Pinto reported that negotiations to contract the Hyatt Hotel at the DFW Airport for Labor Day 2012 is ongoing and she would like to recognize and thank for a job well done to

Michael Goldman(Tournament Director) and Nora Oliver for helping to search for the new regional venue.\*Pinto presented a tentative contract to rent the Hyatt for the future regionals for: 2012, 2014 and 2015, the Board postponed this decision until further research on this matter.\*Pinto also presented a Schedule of future tournaments that cover the period: 2012-2015.Pinto was given thanks by the Board for presenting a tentative schedule for the Regional 2012, which gave the Board plenty of information to discuss this coming Regional.

3. EDUCATION. Pinto discussed this matter in other sections of this report.

4. SUNSHINE.Hirsch reported the following: Billie Gaddy , the loss of her brother, Marilyn Livingston the loss of her husband, Mary Ann White, the loss of her father and Edna Payne is ill.

5. Suggestions. Discussion is mentioned under Unit Growth.

#### E. OLD BUSINESS.

1. Bylaws Meeting. Hirsch discussed the upcoming voting on the amendments ByLaws on :November 12, 2011, at the Ft. Worth Studio. The announcement was made to the membership by mailing a postcard with all the pertinent information regarding this event.\*The Board suggested that Directors to be notified to announce this coming event atall their bridge games.\*There was a 'typo' error in the postcard as to the beginning time of the actual voting, and it should read:11:15 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. this information will be updated on the Unit's web page.