

Ft. Western
Unit 183
Board Meeting
November 16, 2011
Ft. Worth Bridge Studio

A. President Washabaugh called the meeting to order. Board members absent: Pinto and Oliver., at: 5:30 P.M.

B. Minutes of last Board meeting were approved and posted at the studio and web page.

C. Treasurer's Report. Pinto was absent but sent her Treasurer's report with a minor change in which Bonus cleaning was paid twice. Treasurer's reported accepted. Table count showed an increase of 48 tables.

*The Board discussed that an internal Audit Committee needs to be organized in early 2012 to begin the work of an annual audit.

*The Board also discussed the Treasurer's responsibilities of working on a Financial Statement for:2011, along with the Annual Report plus a complete written inventory of all Assets and Liabilities of this Unit.

*The Board passed a motion to have checks paid to the Treasurer, be signed by the Board President .

*The Board also passed a change in the Standing Rules, to have three persons on the Board's Bank Signature card: President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

D.COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Unit Growth (Easybridge) L. Brown sent a report that her eight students are slowly being integrated into Jordan's and Marks' bridge game on Wednesday evenings.

Board members want to know as to what happened to the idea of having a Unit-wide meeting that was supposed to be held before the end of the year, 2011. This meeting was to be used for: 'Networking', to determine what clubs need and to discuss new ideas to promote growth and bring in new players.

President Washabaugh reported that the District 16 has surpassed the 9,000 membership count according to District 16 President:Dewitt Hudson.

2. Tournaments. Pinto sent a report that the Worthington Hotel will not be available in: November, 2014. It is starting to look like, the Hyatt at DFW Airport is still the best option for our tournaments in : 2014 and 2015.

Our regular schedule for our upcoming tournament dates have been approved by ACBL.

Pam Gladysz and C. Marks will be in charge of publication and printing of the tournament flyers.

Pinto also reported that Sue Do and Tom Whitesides, ACBL directors made their opinion known to her that the Crowne Plaza Hotel is not an adequate venue for the Spring Sectional in Ft. Worth in 2012. Continued efforts to find an adequate place and the Board members asked if Pinto can find out, if there are specific requirements or size of venues for this type of Sectional.

3. Education. Pinto. No report.

4. Sunshine. Hirsch reported that Joe Ellis is ill, Barbara Clinkscales' aunt passed away and Nina Hobbs has been in the hospital and has been moved to a new assisted living venue.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bylaws Meeting. Hirsch was thanked by the Board for such an excellent job done by her and her Committee. She reported that 32 amendments passed out of 33. That amendment #4 did not pass. Hirsch went on to explain that the official documents signed by the Board President will be notarized and sent to the ACBL and the State of Texas.

*The Board congratulated Board President Washabaugh for doing an excellent job in conducting the amendment meeting on: November 12, 2011. Congratulations also were given to: Hirsch and Attorney Karen Caton for helping to 'clarify' the amendment changes which were under discussion by the membership.

*Hirsch was also given the assignment to keep her Amendment Committee active to do the following for the Board:

- a. To work the new amendment changes to agree with the Board's Standing Rules, to post the changes on the Unit's web page.
- b. To create an Indemnification Policy for the Unit.
- c. To create a Conflict Policy for the Unit Board members

There is no time deadline, but this work should be accomplished within a 'timely' framework.

2. Follow-Up on FW Game Director Responsibilities. Washabaugh reported to the Board that the following documents were mailed to each Ft. Worth Director:

“O” Tolerance Policy,

Responsibilities of Directors and Player-Centered Document.

Review of the cell phone policy is to be reviewed again, and Kay Jones will be contacted for this information.

F. NEW BUSINESS. Oliver was thanked by the Board for her decorating of the Studio with her personal decorating materials. The Board approved an expenditure of: \$200 dollars or less, to buy a Christmas tree.

*The Board approved the idea, to provide water, tea or non-carbonated drinks in the soft drink machine.

*Christmas Party for Board members and their spouse or significant other, will be held at The Keg Restaurant in Ft. Worth, on : December 11, 2011 at : 5:00 P.M.

*The Christmas Unit Party will be held on: December 17, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. At 6:20 P.M. the Board convened an executive session, and adjourned at: 6:25 P.M.

Motion was made to adjourn, at : 6:26P.M.

Respectfully submitted.
Elizabeth H. Hudson
Board Secretary