

January 18, 2012
Ft. Worth Bridge Studio
6715 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Ft. Worth, TX 76116

President Washabaugh called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members present were D. Washabaugh, T. Moore, J. Cosby, M. Jackson, N. Oliver, C. Pinto, L. Spangler, M. Williams. Member absent: E. Hudson. Guest: Barbara Clinkscales.

The minutes of the last meeting on December 11, 2011 were read and approved.

Financial

The Treasurer's report for December, 2011 was read. A loss of \$3,971.89 was noted. Motion was made by L. Spangler to accept the report. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Treasurer's report for January, 2012 was read. A loss of \$5,783.01 was noted. Motion by N. Oliver was made to accept the report. Motion was seconded and carried.

President Washabaugh pointed out the Standing Rules provide that the Fort Worth studio should be self-sustaining. Discussion followed whether or not the club owners should pay for their own supplies or the rent per table be raised. A motion was made by M. Jackson to raise the table rent from \$14.00 to \$16.00. The motion was amended to raise the table rent from \$14.00 to \$15.00 effective February 1, 2012. Motion was seconded and carried.

Lease

Discussion was held re negotiating the lease that expires at in 2013. A motion was made by M. Jackson that J. Cosby meet with the landlord to negotiate a new lease. Motion was seconded and carried. Discussion re carpet was tabled until a new lease is negotiated. There was also discussion re a wall to separate players from the kitchen. This could also be included in lease negotiations.

Outlying Games

Discussion was held re use in outlying games of Ft. Worth studio equipment, e.g., card dealer and copier. Topic was tabled.

2011 Audit Committee

M. Tyron has agreed to lead the 2011 audit to be concluded by the end of March. The committee should include members from Fort Worth and Denton. Motion made by M. Jackson for C. Pinto to chair the Audit Committee. Motion was seconded and carried.

Selection of Unit 183 Committee Chairs for 2012

Motion was made by J. Cosby to approve the list as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. It was suggested that Judy Staser be asked to be the Fort Worth Studio Manager. D. Washabaugh and M. Williams will contact her.

Volunteer Appreciation

Motion made by M. Williams that the special game on Saturday afternoon, February 18, is Volunteer Appreciation Day. Motion was seconded and carried.

2012 Calendar

Motion made by M. Jackson to approve special games as noted. Motion was seconded and carried.

Unit 183 Growth Meeting

C. Pinto presented a report on the Unit 183 Growth Meeting held January 4, 2012. Further discussion was tabled.

Future Tournaments

Discussion was held re the moving of the sectional tournament from Will Rogers to the Crown Plazas Hotel and re the 2012 and 2014 Regionals and that a provision for free rooms for workers should be included in the Standing Rules.

Motion made by L. Spangler that a room be provided for the tournament chairperson at the sectional tournaments and that it be included in the Standing Rules. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion made by M. Williams that rooms be made available at the regional tournaments for the Unit President, the Tournament Chairperson, the Caddy Chairperson, the Prizes and Hospitality Chairpersons, the Bulletin Chairperson, and the Photographer and that this provision be included in the Standing Rules. The motion was seconded and carried.

Motion made by N. Oliver to advertise on BBO for the Labor Day Regional during the months of May, June and July at \$75.00 per month. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion made by M. Jackson to advertise the May sectional tournament on BBO during March and April. Motion was seconded and carried.

Education

C. Pinto reported that Easy Bridge netted one positive player. Efforts will continue to promote beginning bridge.

Discussion was held re charging teachers and the conclusion was teachers should and be charged rent and that this item should not be included in the Standing Rules, but also that we would revisit this issue next year.

Sunshine

Cards were sent by Sunshine Chairperson Kay Jones to Mitzi Wesely and Helen Nelson on the loss of family members.

Field Supervisor

In light of the retirement of Tom Whitesides, Gary Zieger will become the Field Supervisor for District 16.

Awards Day

Awards Day will be Saturday, April 21. There will be better advertising this year.

Suggestion Box

It has been suggested that the studio should have a defibrillator. Discussion was held and it was concluded that club directors should not have to be responsible for medical attention to players and that calls should be made to 911.

Lockers

M. Williams made a motion that game directors should have 1 locker per game and not to exceed 3 lockers. Motion was seconded and carried.

Teacher of the Year

M. Jackson made a motion that a letter should be sent to ACBL recommending Mary Jane Orock for Teacher of the Year. Motion was seconded and carried.

Annual Town Meeting

It was decided that a Town Meeting should be held at 11:00 a.m. on June 30 during an Independence Day Celebration. Lunch will be at 12:00 pm followed by a special game at 1:00 pm.

Executive Committee Decision

Motion was made by M. Jackson that Unit 183, as landlord, terminates the use of the Fort Worth Studio facilities effective immediately by Keith McCall because of consistent negligent director duties. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by M. Jackson for Saturday to be retained by the Unit and that a sanction is obtained for the Unit effective immediately. Motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by President Washabaugh at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Spangler
Unit 183 Secretary