May 16, 2012 Ft. Worth Bridge Studio 6715 Camp Bowie Blvd. Ft. Worth, TX 76116

President Washabaugh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Other members present were J. Cosby, E. Hudson, M. Jackson, T. Moore, N. Oliver, C. Pinto, L. Spangler, and M. Williams.

The minutes were approved as forwarded by e-mail.

C. Pinto presented the Treasurer's report. L. Spangler moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and carried.

## **Committee Reports**

District 16 – C. Pinto reported Unit 183 membership is still over 9000.

Education - C. Pinto reported the Mentor/Mentee program is making progress.

Unit Growth – D. Moore presented ideas that she plans to discuss in a committee meeting – specifically, a bridge-in-a-day program, board members visiting area clubs, and e-mailing minutes to club presidents.

By-laws – N. Oliver anticipates scheduling a meeting with M. Hirsch.

Fort Worth Studio – J. Staser has accepted the responsibility of managing the Ft. Worth Studio, excluding technical areas such as computer, bridgemates, and internet. S. Shirey has volunteered to handle the technical responsibilities. In this regard, M. Jackson made a motion to invite J. Staser and guest and S. Shirey and guest to attend the annual Board of Directors' dinner. Motion was seconded and carried.

Tournaments – C. Pinto reported 300 tables for the recent tournament (a success). She also commended D. Shirey's handling of the partnership desk and thanked others for their help, including N. Oliver, M. Jackson, D. Washabaugh, and T. Moore (and J. Cosby for his willingness). A committee will seek a new location for the upcoming sectional tournament as we may not be able to return to the Crowne Plaza at this time due to our inability to book sufficient sleeping rooms.

## **Old Business**

- J. Cosby will handle the lease renewal negotiations.
- C. Pinto reported the audit update is still pending.

## **New Business**

Nominating Committee – M. Williams was appointed chairman

PA System – It was decided to borrow a karaoke system for the Town Hall meeting as we are considering purchasing a system for the Studio.

Allowing vendors at the Regional was discussed. It was determined that the By-laws prevent same.

It was reported that the Arlington Communications Chairman is Karen Caton.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Spangler Unit 183 Secretary