

January 21, 2013
Ft. Worth Bridge Studio
6715 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Ft. Worth, TX 76116

President Cosby called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Other members present were D. Pearlman, M. Jackson, J. Montgomery, T. Moore, N. Oliver, C. Pinto, L. Spangler, and M. Tryon. Guests present: Robert Buchanan and Barbara Clinkscates.

President Cosby presented an overview for the coming year, including:

Mission:

To provide a safe, welcoming, hospitable, and fun place for bridge enthusiasts to play.

To promote fellowship.

To provide entertainment.

To provide an atmosphere where friendships can develop and blossom.

To provide an opportunity for the development of skill in playing the game.

Strengths -- including a large pool (900+) of available people; a highly capable tournament team; a highly skilled Board, and a history of leadership.

Challenges – including age, operations losing money, Standing Rules obsolete, strife, lease termination (1/31/14), unit games controversy, and Fort Western vs. Fort Worth. Strife can be found at several levels: the table, the Board, and Arlington vs. Fort Worth.

Problem Solving Process: Leader and committee will study the issue, define the problem, review the options, and make recommendations to the Board which will make any and all decisions.

Solutions including reminding ourselves, our partners, and our constituency of real truth; develop systems, signage, and attitudes designed to motivate our people and move toward a welcoming, fun, and pleasurable non-contentious environment.

The Goal: to become Fort Western Friendly.

D. Pearlman moved to accept the minutes as forwarded by e-mail. Motion was seconded and approved.

L. Spangler moved to accept the November Treasurer's report as e-mailed by C. Pinto. Motion was seconded and approved.

Reports from Treasurer M. Tryon are forthcoming as he has been faced with incomplete records and requires further information.

New Business

Committees:

The following Standing Committees under the Standing Rules for 2013 were presented:

1. Executive Committee: tabled
2. Tournament Committee: C. Pinto
3. Facilities Management Committee: M. Jackson, Chair, J. Staser (Studio Mgr.), B. Leeper, M. Bason
4. Membership Committee: J. Montgomery
5. Publicity and Publications: J. Huey
6. Education Committee: C. Pinto
7. Directory Committee: D. Pearlman, Chair, B. Buchanan, J. Jordan, N. Oliver, and J. O'Neill
8. Health and Safety Committee: J. Staser
9. Studio Decorations Committee: N. Oliver
10. Finance and Audit Committee: M. Tryon and B. Walker
11. Unit Game Committee: N. Oliver, Chair, T. Moore, L. Spangler, R. Hill, B. Koenigseder, and M. E. Stanton
12. Special Events at Unit Games Committee: N. Oliver (11 and 12 most likely will be combined to be the "Special Events Committee (including unit championship games)")
13. Discipline Committee: D. Pearlman, Chair
14. Appeals Committee: D. Pearlman and L. Spangler
15. Hospitality Committee: N. Oliver

M. Jackson moved to approve the Standing Committees. Motion was seconded and approved.

Special Ad Hoc Committees (may be established)

1. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee: D. Pearlman, Chair
2. Nominating Committee: J. Montgomery, Chair
3. Elections Committee: D. Berke, Chair
4. Recorder: L. Spangler
5. Tournament Coordinator: C. Pinto
6. District Representative: C. Pinto
7. GNT and NAP Coordinator: S. Shirey
8. Unit-wide "Sunshine Girl" - J. Evans
9. Location Task Force: Options – renew lease, move elsewhere, buy existing building, build: D. Pearlman, Chair; J. Montgomery, C. Burke

M. Jackson moved to approve the Special Ad Hoc Committees. Motion was seconded and approved.

There was a discussion regarding the repair and/or purchase of an ice machine. M. Jackson volunteered to purchase needed ice and to keep on hand. M. Tryon proposed that we purchase ice for 30 days while ascertaining further information as to purchase or repair.

Discussion was held regarding a new Sunday game. C. Pinto moved to send out feelers to see if anyone would be interested in running a Sunday game. Motion was seconded and approved.

L. Spangler moved to hold a unit game (pending sanction approval) on February 16 at the Fort Worth, Arlington, and Denton sites. Motion was seconded and approved.

The Board voted to allow J. Jordan to obtain a sanction for a new Thursday morning limited game.

D. Pearlman moved to hold Board meetings on the 3rd Monday at 5:00 p.m. Motion was seconded and approved.

D. Pearlman presented changes to the Standing Rules for review.

M. Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Spangler
Secretary, Unit 183