

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

President Cosby called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Gary Neisler, and Barbara Clinkscales.

President Cosby reported that he had attended meetings of both the Membership Committee and the Unit Game Committee. Further, he had spoken with the janitor, Odell Johnson, III, and also with R. Buchanan, the President of the Arlington Board. President Cosby feels that things are looking bright and moving in the right direction, but that we have plenty of work and challenges ahead of us.

M. Jackson made a motion to accept the January 21, 2013 minutes as forwarded by e-mail. The motion was seconded and approved.

M. Tryon gave the Treasurer's report for January. L. Spangler made a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

The goals of the Membership Committee (J. Montgomery, Chair, members J. Jordan, J. Quinton, , and L. Brown) are to increase membership, table count, and friendliness at the table. A major goal is to get bridge into the schools. D. Reynolds has agreed to help. There are plans for a summer bridge camp at the Fort Worth Facility and a mentor program for directors.

J. Montgomery presented a motion from the Membership Committee that as an incentive to recruit new players the Board of Directors enact a policy that a free play be given to a member when he or she brings in a new player to the Studio and that the new player be given a free play to use on a return visit. The motion was seconded and approved. As an amendment to the just-adopted policy, M. Tryon proposed to limit the policy to the year 2013. The proposal was seconded and approved.

Unit Game Committee

Chairman N. Oliver and members T. Moore, L. Spangler, R. Hill, M. Stanton, and B. Koenigseder met at the Arlington Bridge Club on February 15. The Committee proposes the following events and dates:

Marcy 16 – Unit Awards Pairs Game

March 25 – Monday morning/afternoon Split Unit game with multiple locations

April 13 – Saturday afternoon Unit pairs game at the Fort Worth Facility

May 10 – Friday evening Unit pairs game at the Arlington Bridge Club

May 18 – Saturday afternoon Unit-wide pairs game

N. Oliver moved that the Board accept the above games and dates. The motion was seconded and approved.

The next meeting of this committee is April 12 at 5:45 pm at Arlington.

Standing Rules

D. Pearlman presented a report on the revision of the Standing Rules. The Board discussed and agreed to several proposed changes from the draft presented at the prior meeting. One would incorporate the schedule of directors' fees into the rules. Another would make it clear that a director whose regular game is preempted by a unit game has the right of first refusal to direct the unit game. A third would incorporate into the rules the Board's January, 2012 resolutions concerning free rooms at tournaments. Pearlman will present a final draft for approval at the March meeting.

Facilities' Management

Rather than spend the approximately \$600 to repair the ice machine or \$1300 to purchase a new machine, M. Jackson made a motion that we buy ice at King's Liquor (tax exempt account). Some discussion followed. The motion was seconded and approved. M. Jackson will be responsible for the Studio always having sufficient ice.

M. Jackson reported that the computer is running slow and suggested that it be turned off after the Saturday afternoon game until Monday morning. C. Pinto suggested that we first consult Larry Crowder.

District 16

District 16 Representative C. Pinto passed out an informative report from the January 2013 meeting in Houston.

Education

After some discussion regarding the "Bridge In A Day" program, C. Pinto moved that the Unit hold a seminar on March 23 at an approved appropriate central location and that it be advertised in a ¼ page ad in the *Fort Worth Star Telegram's* "living50plus" section. The motion was seconded and approved.

Old Business

We are still contemplating a game on Sunday afternoon. L. Spangler will check with ACBL to determine if we can move the Wednesday night sanction to Sunday afternoon.

D. Pearlman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fort Worth Facility.

Respectfully,

Linda Spangler
Secretary, Unit 183