

April 15, 2013
Ft. Worth Bridge Studio
6715 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Ft. Worth, TX 76116

President Cosby called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Other members present were D. Pearlman, T. Moore, N. Oliver, and L. Spangler. Member absent: Jacque Montgomery, M. Jackson, C. Pinto, M. Tryon. Guests present: Robert Buchanan, Gary Neisler, and Barbara Clinkscales.

President Cosby reported that he had spoken with Larry Crowder regarding the question of leaving the computer on or off after the Saturday game and Larry suggested there is a slight preference for leaving the computer on. President Cosby also reported on the progress of the new Thursday morning game.

D. Pearlman made a motion to accept the April minutes as corrected and forwarded by e-mail. The motion was seconded and approved.

In the absence of M. Tryon, there was no Treasurer's report for March.

President Cosby reported that during March he had attended (1) the Arlington Board meeting; (2) the Membership Committee meeting where they discussed a children's bridge camp; (3) the Site Task Force Committee which is continuing to look at sites; and (4) the Health & Safety Committee meeting, wherein J. Staser indicated she is going to have a detective look at locks and doors for a safety evaluation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee – has requested to hold a children's bridge camp the 3rd and 4th weeks of June on Tuesday thru Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Tournament Committee – moving forward with May 3-5 tournament.

Directory Committee

D. Pearlman reported on behalf of the Directory Task Force. He noted that he had contacted Larry Crowder, the Unit's webmaster, about the mechanics of putting the directory online and that Crowder in turn had communicated considerably with Bert Onstott, who had used database software to create the Houston unit's online directory.

Crowder informed Pearlman that taking the Houston approach would be incompatible with Pearlman's plan to have a Word file for use in creating a hard copy version of the directory. Pearlman proposed that the Directory Task Force proceed as originally planned, using a Word file as the base for printing and ultimately posting a password-protected PDF of the Word file on the Unit's website. He noted that password-protecting the document was something that he would have to find someone to do, as it was outside Crowder's area of expertise. The Board did not object to this approach and a target date of June 30 was set for collecting information through the Studio and the clubs.

Pearlman said he would work with Crowder to get a link to the signup form on the Unit website. He also said that he would contact appropriate persons at the clubs in the Unit to inform them of the project. He

said he would get physical signup sheets in their hands and also ask Denton and Arlington if they also wanted to put the signup sheet on their websites.

Special Events Committee - will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Friday May 3 during the Tournament.

Nora Oliver proposed a team game be held on June 1 in recognition of the recipient of the Texas Star award (Diane Washabaugh). The motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Arlington Duplicate Bridge Club requests approval to hold a Bridge-in-a-Day program on June 21, 2013. L. Spangler moved the Unit support ADBC and provide the necessary funds to renew their application. The motion was seconded and approved.

N. Oliver suggested having the clubs nominate candidates for the Texas Star and Goodwill awards and for the Board to make the decision based on the clubs' input.

N. Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Spangler
Unit 183 Secretary