

May 20, 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 T. Moore, C. Pinto, N. Oliver, J. Montgomery, L. Spangler, and M. Tryon. Member absent: D. Pearlman and M. Jackson. Guests present: Robert Buchanan and Gary Neisler.

President's Report

President Cosby in his report referenced an article in the Scorecard by Jo Smith encouraging new members. President Cosby reported that David Pearlman had suffered a heart attack on Friday and that Max Jackson had surgery on Thursday and is progressing. Our best wishes to both of our Board members for their speedy recovery.

President Cosby also gave a brief report on the multi-site champion game. Denton's game did not make. Arlington had 16 tables and Fort Worth had 10 tables. L. Spangler suggested that President Cosby appoint a co-chairman for hospitality to assist N. Oliver when she is out of town or otherwise cannot attend the game.

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

M. Tryon gave the Treasurer's report. L. Spangler moved to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

M. Tryon reported that the AT&T annual cost for the TV expense alone is \$1255 and made a motion to discontinue TV coverage. The motion was seconded and carried.

M. Tryon also moved to pay J. Jones \$100 for his help during the recent sectional tournament. The motion was seconded and approved.

Committee & Task Force Reports

Membership

J. Montgomery moved to provide up to \$200 funding for the bridge camp to be held June 11-15 and 18-21. L. Spangler amended the motion to include approval for the bridge camp. The motion was seconded and carried.

Directory

It was reported that the directory will include addresses.

Tournament Report

C. Pinto reported that the attendance at the sectional tournament was down from the previous one. C. Pinto expressed appreciation for Carlos Medina, Ivan Uys, and Jason Jones stepping up to help when Max was injured in route to deliver tables to the tournament site; appreciation for Katye Kowierschke

and Jeri Quinton for decorations; appreciation to Diane Washabaugh for taking over the tournament duties when C. Pinto was admitted to the ER on Saturday; and appreciation to M. Tryon for helping out with tearing down tables, etc.

M. Tryon suggested that in the future we consider hiring caddies and hotel personnel to help out with setting up and tearing down.

New Business

T. Moore moved to issue free plays to winners at the April 27 Awards game and the Unit May 18 multi-site game. The motion was seconded and carried.

J. Montgomery made a suggestion that we have a master calendar to avoid conflicts in scheduling. J. Montgomery was appointed to oversee this task and to meet with President Cosby.

J. Montgomery expressed her concerns regarding a recently-received letter from the Arlington Board President requesting the Unit's financial records for the last five years. Arlington has concerns that Unit 183 is in violation of its non-profit status by subsidizing profit-making entities – specifically the individual franchise owners who rent space from the Fort Worth facility (which is managed by Unit 183). Other discussion followed.

President Cosby proposed that the Board appoint a task force to look into the situation. In accordance with this proposal, M. Tryon moved that a committee be appointed by the President to look into the concerns. The motion was seconded and carried.

N. Oliver moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Spangler
Secretary, Unit 183