

August 19, 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 T. Moore, C. Pinto, J. Montgomery, M. Jackson, N. Oliver, M. Tryon, and L. Spangler. Member absent: D. Pearlman. Guests present: G. Neisler, B. Clinkscales, B. Taylor, M. Williams, K. Jones, T. Hughes, J. Staser, M. Hoger, and A. Box.

President's Report

President Cosby reported that D. Pearlman's recovery is moving forward somewhat slowly, but in David's own words, "I ain't dead yet!"

President Cosby reported on Arlington's recent 30th Anniversary celebration and extended the Board's congratulations to Arlington.

President Cosby reported that the Location Task Force was to have met with D. Woodson, who had delayed the meeting, and then did not show up for the scheduled meeting. At this point, C. Pinto spoke regarding lease issues in that it was her understanding that we were to have had a special board meeting to discuss the parameters of renewing the lease, in particular that we should have other sites ready to pursue if current discussions do not work out. She also noted that the meeting held on July 21 at the home of J. Montgomery was not a quorum of the Board.

Minutes -- M. Jackson moved to accept the June minutes as corrected and forwarded by e-mail. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report L. Spangler moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Special Appearance of Byron Taylor B. Taylor spoke on behalf of a number of Fort Worth bridge players in regard to a letter received by the Board from the Arlington Duplicate Bridge Club signed by the President, Robert Buchanan, and the Vice-President, Karen Caton. The gist of the letter warned the Unit 183 Board of Directors to not execute a new lease or renew an extension of the current lease and to take steps to form a "Fort Worth bridge club," or there would be legal repercussions. It is the view of the group B. Taylor represents that there are irreconcilable issues between ADBC and Unit 183 in regards to the "Fort Worth facility" and that the relationship has become so acrimonious that the group suggests that the Unit divide into two units. Following B. Taylor's statement, President Cosby call for questions from Board members. There were no questions.

Response to the Arlington Board letter

President Cosby suggested the following courses of action are the available choices:

- (1) Spin off the Fort Worth Facility into a club;
- (2) Go with the proposal of B. Taylor's group and spin off Arlington into a separate unit; or
- (3) Keep all under Unit 183 and eliminate discrimination.

A motion was made by J. Montgomery that we (a) proceed with lease negotiations with the understanding that in the near future the lease may be assigned to a "Fort Worth bridge club" instead of Fort Western Unit 183, Inc.; and (b) engage free legal consultation to expedite the establishment of a Fort Worth club as a separate entity but part of the organizational structure of Unit 183. The motion was seconded and approved.

Committee and Task Force Reports

Membership – T. Moore reported the membership is currently 977 and the most recent spur has come from Denton.

Unit Games – all 24 Unit championship games have been scheduled. Oct. 5 has been moved to Sept. 7 in order to honor Steve Shirey for surpassing 15,000 masterpoints. November 16 has been changed to November 9. Other games scheduled are Tuesday, October 1, Mansfield; Friday night, Sept. 6, Arlington; Monday, November 11, multi-site; Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21, Arlington; Tuesday, Dec. 31, Arlington; Saturday, Dec. 7, Ft. Worth; Saturday, Dec. 14, Arlington; and Sunday, Dec. 15, Denton. N. Oliver moved for all of the above dates to be approved. Motion was seconded and approved.

Education -- C. Pinto reported that she obtained free publicity for the upcoming EasyBridge lessons beginning Sept. 7 and that so far, the response has been good.

Tournament -- plans are progressing timely.

Directory Task Force -- no report due to D. Pearlman's absence.

New Business

T. Moore moved that paragraph C of Section IV Unit Affairs of the Standing Rules which reads, "The Unit shall absorb the cost of all Unit games. (08/07/90)," be stricken from the Standing Rules. The motion was seconded and approved.

N. Oliver read a letter to the Board regarding problems she encountered at a Unit game committee meeting held on July 19, 2013, and asked that it be attached to the Minutes. (At this time the letter is not attached, as according to *Roberts Rules of Order*, p. 454, this action would require a Board vote.)

Old Business

J. Montgomery -- The status of the ice machine is that it is now most likely to be repaired.

A motion was made by J. Montgomery to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved and therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Spangler
Secretary, Unit 183