

September 16, 2013  
Ft. Worth Bridge Studio  
6715 Camp Bowie Blvd.  
Ft. Worth, TX 76116

Vice-President Tom Moore called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Other members present were C. Pinto, J. Montgomery, M. Jackson, N. Oliver, M. Tryon, and L. Spangler. President Cosby arrived shortly. Member absent: D. Pearlman. Guests present: G. Neisler, B. Clinkscales, R. Buchanan, M. Goldman, M. Williams, B. McMahan.

J. Montgomery moved to accept the August minutes as forwarded by e-mail. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Treasurer M. Tryon gave a partial report including a \$180 lost in August due to \$555 in repairs (ice machine and bathrooms). L. Spangler moved to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **President's Report**

President Cosby reported on the status of the lease negotiated by President Cosby, J. Staser and M. Goldman. The lease would be for 5 years at the same monthly rate of \$3250 with 3 free months' rent on the front. D. Pearlman is to review the lease which also includes steps to assign the lease if necessary to another non-profit organization.

#### **Audit Committee**

Bill Walker presented a report which included the years 2008-2012.

2008	+ 6,000
2009	+ 44,000
2010	- 15,000
2011	- 13,000
2012	+ 7,000

This totals to a plus \$29,000 for the 5-year period. Thus, B. Walker concluded that Unit 183 is operating with due diligence and can continue to operate in such a manner.

L. Spangler expressed the Board's appreciation for B. Walker's efforts.

#### **Volunteer Appreciation**

J. Montgomery will send a letter of appreciation to M. Bason for his generosity in providing the funds to repair the ice machine. J. Montgomery also sent notes to B. Ream and B. Leeper for transporting the ice machine to save on cost to Mission Restaurant Supply for repair and to M. Goldman for arranging for a senior citizen discount.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Education** -- C. Pinto reported 53 people attended the Easy Bridge course and expressed appreciation to D. Moore, T. Moore, and N. Oliver for their assistance in the successful endeavor.

**District 16** -- L. Spangler attended the meeting for C. Pinto held during the Dallas Regional . L. Spangler reported on Unit 183's successful summer bridge camp. The District 16 Board was most interested and asked for a report to be included in the *Scorecard*. L. Brown will prepare such a report. The nominations for the Texas Star award should be sent to S. Humphrey in 150 words or less. The A and C levels of the GNT will be held in Houston April 4-6 and the A level is now 6000 points and the B level 2500 points. The B level GNT as well as the Superflight will be held during the Dallas Memorial Day sectional. The District 16 Board voted to bar electronic cigarettes in regional tournaments and recommends to units that they do the same for sectional tournaments.

**Unit Games** -- N. Oliver reported on the recent committee meeting where unit games were set for 2014. N. Oliver made a motion to approve the 21 dates as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Nominating Committee** -- Chairperson J. Montgomery reported that Secretary Spangler had sent the election letter to appropriate parties and that the deadline for nominations is October 1. The minimum number of candidates is 6 (2 for each retiring board member). N. Oliver made a motion that T. Moore be provided the funds to purchase bulk mailing. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Directory** -- Chair D. Pearlman has input all information. It was decided to eliminate pictures.

**Old Business** -- Regarding the complaints of the Arlington club received in e-mail letters to the Unit 183 Board members and considering that one was received on today's date, J. Montgomery deferred to L. Spangler who related that District 16 President Jo Smith has reviewed the correspondence and suggested that the parties mediate the issues. Jo Smith has spoken with several persons who are qualified to preside over such a meeting. L. Spangler suggested that we do not formally respond to the e-mail communications until the person who may oversee the meeting has had an opportunity to review the correspondence and issues. In the meantime, L. Spangler pointed out several positive actions on behalf of the Board. The Special Events/Unit Game Committee has made great strides in proportioning out the 24 unit championship games (the existence of which was unknown until sometime during 2012). The Board has cut several unnecessary large expense items from our expenditures. L. Spangler also noted that years ago the Unit 183 Board gave to Arlington a sectional tournament that has become the "Grapevine Tournament." Arlington receives all the proceeds from the tournament. This tournament has generally been quite profitable for Arlington. In contrast, the 2 sectional tournaments run by Unit 183 tend to lose money because of geographic location. L. Spangler has spoken with officials of ACBL and District 16 who have reinforced the Board's belief that Unit 183 is being run properly. Further, in response to a group of Fort Worth players who propose that Unit 183 be dissolved and two new units formed, District 16 officials have stated that all funds in the Unit 183 treasury would have to be returned to the membership individually and could not be allotted to clubs or any other organization. In conclusion, J. Montgomery made a motion that Unit 183 enter into a mediation between Unit 183 and the Arlington Board. The Motion was seconded and carried. L. Spangler will provide this information to Jo Smith.

M. Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Spangler, Secretary, Unit 183