

January 20, 2014
Fort Western Unit 183
Ft. Worth Bridge Studio
6715 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Ft. Worth, TX 76116

President Spangler called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Other members present were J. Montgomery, J. Cosby, N. Oliver, C. Pinto, M. Tryon, D. Pearlman (phone) Absent: S. Shirey, K. Jones; Guest present: G. Neisler

President's Report:

1. The Lease has been signed. The renewal is for a period of sixty-three (63) months commencing February 1, 2014, and expires the 30th day of April, 2019. There is no increase and the renewal includes three (3) months free rent so that improvements can be made.
2. Insurance is in place.
3. Goals for 2014 include promoting better relationships within the Unit. President Spangler requested appropriation to send all members a newsletter which clarifies issues raised in 2013. Motion to do so was made and passed.
4. Charles Price of District 16 will visit sometime in the future regarding long-range planning, including the merits of hiring an outside person or firm to do the accounting.

Confirmation of Chairs - Committees:

Motion to accept the following list of chairs and committees was made and approved. (Following this approval it was determined that the District 16 Representative's term is for 3 years. Thus, C. Pinto will continue as District 16 Representative through 2014. S. Shirey had previously been appointed.)

Membership Chair—Katy Kowierschke

Electronic Contact – Tom Moore

Webmaster – Milton Birmingham

Disciplinary Chair – Hugh Hillaker

Recorder—Kay Jones

Business “Studio” Manager—Judy Staser

Tournament Coordinator—Carolyn P. Pinto

Publicity Chair—J'Neane Huey

Hospitality Co-Chairs—Janet Jordan, Katy Kowierschke

Charity Chair—Lauren Brown

Education Liaison—Carolyn P. Pinto

NAP Coordinator—Steve A. Shirey

GNT Coordinator—Steve A. Shirey

Scorecard Columnist—Millie Williams

Election Chairperson/Committee and Monitor—Helen Nelson, Chair; Mary Lou Collins, Tom Moore,
Diane Washabaugh/**Monitor**—Jacque Montgomery

Nomination Chairperson—Jacque Montgomery

Unit Growth Person—Dorothy Moore

Bylaws Chairperson/Standing Rules—David Pearlman

Sunshine—Judi Evans

Unit Game Committee Chair—Becky Koenigseder

Committee: Lauren Brown, Tom Moore, Nancy Kornegay, Kim Brinkman

Pro-Am/Mentor Chairperson—Ginger Kennedy
District 16 Representative – Carolyn Pinto

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Studio Manager – Judy Staser

Conduct and Ethics Appeals—Jerry Cosby

Decorating Chairpersons—Sue Rowe and Pat Sears

Supplies – Billy Leeper

Approval of Minutes:

The Dec 11, 2014 meeting minutes previously forwarded by e-mail were approved by motion.

Treasurer's Report:

2013 yearly statement has been completed.

The treasurer changed the wording from Fort Worth Club to the Unit Facility to properly designate expenses.

The Treasurer explained we have long distant charges on phone each month...he suggested we remove long distance for a savings. A motion was made and passed to terminate the long distance service.

M. Tryon will send financial statements to Denton and Arlington. The financials will also be posted at the Unit Facility. A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report. Motion was seconded and approved.

Committee Reports:

Education

C. Pinto requested a separating wall and street access to the smaller room for classes to be held while games are in progress. The President appointed J. Montgomery to chair a task force to make recommendations to enable concurrent but separate events to occur.

Upcoming classes: February 4-March 18 (tentative); Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Bridge Basics 2, A. Grant

Bridge-in-a-Day Program: reimbursement available from ACBL: no date; intent to include Keller and Eules

Easy Bridge : Spring, Monday or Wednesday evening

C. Pinto moved adding to the Standing Rules: All classes at the studio must be approved by Education Chair. It is Education Chair's responsibility to coordinate with director paying rent to ensure there is no conflict. The Unit will not provide teaching supplies for any classes held at the studio.

Discussion was held regarding rental fees to instructors. Motion to require no fee passed.

Tournament

C. Pinto reported that we lost out on N. Richland Hills Senior Center for booking of our spring sectional tourney. We are now negotiating with the Fort Worth Hotel (formerly the Radisson) on 1-35 S for our spring and fall sectionals.

The sectionals for 2015 - 2018 have been scheduled and sanctioned.
2014 Regional - the events have been scheduled and the flyers will be ready for the Houston Regional. All major events will be played at 10am and 2:30pm. Evening sessions will consist of single session Swiss teams and pairs.

Special thanks to Carolyn Marks for working the schedule for the regional!

Membership

C. Pinto suggested that the Membership Chair call members who drop out of ACBL and see if there is a way to get them back. Many members drop out due to the death of their bridge partners.

Old Business:

Sunday Afternoon Cash Prize Game:

D. Washabaugh will hold a pilot program for a trial period of six months for a cash/points game twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. The first game is February 16. A motion was made and passed to accept the trial period.

New Business:

M. Tryon asked the board to approve re-imbursement for Bridge-In-A-Day expenses for the Arlington Duplicate Bridge Club up to \$500. A motion was made and passed. C. Pinto asked that a financial report for a Bridge-In-A-Day program be submitted prior to reimbursement. C. Pinto will work on a proposal for next meeting for submitting requests for reimbursement of education events.

The February 1 Unit Game was previously approved as a Swiss team event. However, it coincides with the Houston Regional and the directors proficient in running Swiss teams will be in Houston. Therefore, a motion was made to change the event to a pair's game. The motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:55pm.

Respectively submitted,

Nora Oliver
Unit 183 Board Member