

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 16, 2015

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President L. Spangler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Directors L. Spangler, J. Montgomery, K. Jones, D. Pearlman, J. Jordan, L. Brown, M. Tryon, S. Shirey, and J. Floyd attended. Director J. Montgomery did not attend.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

M. Tryon reported on December 2014 and year-end 2014 financials. He noted the following: (1) December 2014 operations had produced a small deficit; (2) for 2014 the Studio had operated at a modest profit; (3) sectionals during 2014 had each produced a moderate profit; (4) the 2014 Regional had produced a significant profit, roughly equal to the year's net profit; (5) activities designed to support bridge generally, such as the GNT and NAP reimbursements, had operated at a deficit.

M. Tryon also reported that for January 2015 the Unit had incurred a small deficit, and that he continued to explore potential additional cost savings to trim operating expenses.

Education Committee Report

L. Brown reported on the activities of the Education Committee.

She noted that the attendance at the first week of EasyBridge had been strong, and that even more people had come the second week.

She also noted that the preparations for the two upcoming bridge camps were advancing nicely and that a number of people from the Arlington club had expressed interest in helping for the camp to be held there. Postcards will be sent to all Unit members announcing the camps as a way to get members' grandchildren to attend. Finances for the camp will be

structured so as to keep the door open for potential reimbursement of some of the cost by ACBL.

Tournament Committee Report

L. Spangler reported that Unit 183 and the Tyler unit will host a Regional in the spring of alternating years, with Unit 183 getting the even numbered years. J. Jordan reported on her ongoing efforts to plan for the Regional to be held in late April to early May in 2016. She noted scheduling issues with ACBL and difficulties in finding a suitable hotel.

L. Spangler noted that the sectional scheduled for April 2018 could be converted to a Regional.

Old Business

The Directors discussed a draft amendment to the Standing Rules concerning reimbursing clubs that close during sectional and/or Regional tournaments operated by the Unit. The motion was tabled until March as half the Directors present had conflicts of interest and thus no valid affirmative vote was possible.

New Business

There was no new business.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
David J. Pearlman
Secretary, Fort Western Unit 183