

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARCH 23, 2015

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President L. Spangler called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

**Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the February 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

M. Tryon reported on February 2015 financials. He noted that the Unit and the Studio each had modestly negative results for the month, due in part to unusually bad weather. He also reported that there had been no extraordinary items during the month. Upon motion made and duly seconded the Board unanimously accepted the report.

**Education Committee Report**

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

She reported that about five tables from her recent Easybridge classes had decided to continue to play duplicate. She also reported that she would like to arrange a "Bridge in a Day" session for some time during the fall to see if she could recapture some of the dropouts.

She also reported on the preparations for the two summer bridge camps, noting that the camp at the Studio would run from July 13 through July 17 and the camp at the Arlington club would go from July 20 through July 24. She noted that ACBL will supply t-shirts to campers this year. She also reported that the total number of class hours had been calculated to meet the ACBL's requirements for expense reimbursement. L. Brown also asked the Board for input as to whether sending postcards to all Unit members to publicize the camps would be worth the \$300 expense. The Board members all agreed that the expense would be worthwhile.

**Tournament Committee Report**

J. Jordan was not present to give the Tournament Committee Report. L. Spangler noted that dates in late March had been secured for the spring Regionals to be held in 2018 and 2020.

## **Old Business**

The Directors continued their discussion of a proposed draft amendment to the Standing Rules concerning reimbursing clubs that close during sectional and/or Regional tournaments operated by the Unit. Upon motion made and duly seconded, with Directors L. Brown and K. Jones abstaining, the remaining Directors voted unanimously to add a new subsection to section IV. G. to read as follows:

“6. Any club in the Unit that closes during a Regional tournament run by the Unit shall be reimbursed by the Unit. The club shall receive \$75 for each regularly scheduled club session for which the club closes. For this purpose a regularly scheduled club session is one that is scheduled to be in play every week. A session that includes more than one game (e.g. an open game and a limited game) will count as only one session.”

## **New Business**

The Board considered ways to honor the memory of Gary Carey, a pivotal figure in the development and operation of the Denton Bridge Studio. After lengthy discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved to name the Sunday Swiss team event at the upcoming Regional in Gary's honor and to make a \$150 contribution in Gary's name to the ACBL Education Foundation.

The Directors discussed whether changes to the absentee voting provisions of the Bylaws should be considered for presentation to the membership at the fall sectional. D. Pearlman was commissioned to do a first draft of possible revisions for the next meeting of the Board. The Board directed that the revisions should soften some of the more onerous existing requirements, make explicit provision for ballot boxes, and make the language easier to follow.

The Board noted that the new Tuesday and Thursday games in Colleyville were drawing a significant number of tables. D. Pearlman and M. Tryon were designated to liaison with Jan Mogged, the games' director. They said they would play in the Colleyville game on March 31 and introduce themselves to Ms. Mogged on behalf of the Unit.

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.

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Respectfully submitted

David J. Pearlman

Secretary, Fort Western Unit 183