

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, J. Jordan, D. Pearlman, M. Tryon and S. Shirey attended. Directors L. Brown and J. Floyd did not attend.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

M. Tryon reported informally on August 2015 financials. He was unable to present a formal report due to computer issues, but will do so at next month's meeting. He noted that the month saw a small profit for the Unit, not counting the results of the Regional tournament. He reported that the final numbers for the tournament were not yet available, but it appeared that the result would be a profit of over \$20,000.

M. Tryon also reported that the Unit's certificate of deposit at Chase Bank had matured, and that he would reinvest the proceeds in a six-month CD as a way to get some interest while waiting for interest rates to rise.

Education Committee Report

J. Montgomery reported for L. Brown on educational matters. She noted that retention from the first week of the most recently started Easybridge class to the second week was nearly 100%, and that L. Brown would begin another Easybridge class in November. She also reported that Ellen Dutcher would be giving a four week series of lessons on play of the hand at the Studio on Wednesdays in October.

Tournament Committee Report

J. Jordan reported on the recent Regional tournament. Total table count was 1579, down somewhat from the 1683 tables when the tournament was last held in Fort Worth in 2012, but significantly higher than the 1349 table count for the Regional held in November of 2014.

J. Jordan and M. Tryon noted the issues concerning the trailer belonging to Unit 176 and the damage to the rental truck used to transport equipment. They reported that Max Jackson would no longer be transporting equipment and that other arrangements would be investigated.

J. Jordan noted that Fast Results has requested that the Unit make a \$100 donation to the ACBL's Education Fund. J. Jordan will research the issue to see if the request makes sense.

Old Business

L. Spangler polled the Directors to see if anyone had not yet voted in the upcoming District election. All Directors present indicated that they had cast their ballots.

L. Spangler also noted that preparations were in place for the Unit board election to be held at the sectional tournament on October 11.

New Business

L. Spangler noted the excellent letter written by Barbara Seagram that appeared in the most recent Bulletin concerning what members can do to help make clubs more successful. She indicated that the Unit might distribute the letter to members early in 2016.

D. Pearlman reported that a first meeting had been held with Arlington to begin working out the Unit game calendar for 2016, and that matters would be on hold until October 12, when the Arlington would review the tentative schedule agreed at the meeting.

Steve Shirey reported that at the recent District 16 meeting the District had requested that units provide discounts for students attending tournaments. D. Pearlman reported that in Austin the usual discount was 50% off the full rate.

At the end of the executive session, there being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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