

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 18, 2016

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, J. Floyd, S. Shirey and M. Tryon all attended.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

M. Tryon gave an overview of the Unit's financials for December 2015 and for 2015 as a whole. He noted that in December the Unit, exclusive of the Studio, had a loss of \$886, primarily due to the new awning covering the back door, which cost \$1,240. In December the Studio operated at a loss of \$157. For the year, the Unit, exclusive of the Studio, showed a profit of \$6,208, and the Studio showed a profit of \$1,285. The Unit's cash position improved from approximately \$237,000 at the beginning of 2015 to approximately \$249,000 at the end.

Table count for 2015 was 4,135, essentially flat from the 4,091 tables in play during 2014. The Unit's Regional showed a profit of over \$13,000 and its two sectionals combined for a profit of approximately \$1,000.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as presented.

L. Spangler noted that the Unit's Directors' and Officers' liability policy had expired at the end of 2015 and that the Unit's insurance broker needed a letter appropriately executed to begin procuring a new policy. L. Spangler authorized M. Tryon to execute such a letter electronically on her behalf. M. Tryon and D. Pearlman will pursue obtaining a new policy.

Education Committee Report

L. Brown reported that she would begin a new series of Easybridge classes beginning on January 28. She noted that she had published advertisements for the classes and purchased the necessary materials, and was hopeful that attendance would be good. She also reported on

the upcoming lessons to be given by Mary Jane Orock, and a separate set of classes to be given by Buck Buchanan and Don Reynolds of the Arlington club.

J. Montgomery said that she had purchased a Dealmaster program that could be useful in the classes and had never used it. She offered to donate it to the Unit provided she could obtain permission from Dealmaster, which indeed she obtained after the meeting.

Tournament Committee

J. Jordan reported on planning for the upcoming sectional. The Board considered various issues relating to food and drink and a consensus was reached to purchase coffee (but not water) from the facility and to bring in Pulido's to cater the meal for the Sunday Swiss.

Studio Disciplinary Committee

J. Montgomery reported on action recently taken by the Studio Disciplinary committee, which suspended a player from the Studio for three months for bad behavior. She noted also that at the request of Mary Hoger the suspension had been extended to the Monday game at the Fort Worth Y.

Studio Refurbishing

J. Montgomery moved to request an additional \$3,000 to expand the Studio makeover project, primarily to replace the existing flooring (except for the carpeted areas) and new shades for the windows. She also noted that it would be a good idea to take up the issue of obtaining new chairs sometime in the near future. After discussion on both topics, the Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, unanimously approved the additional \$3,000 expenditure and agreed to take up the subject of new chairs at a future meeting.

Old Business

D. Pearlman presented a proposed set of Bylaws revisions for discussion. Various Board members made comments. D. Pearlman will modify the proposals accordingly and circulate a revised draft in advance of the next meeting.

New Business

L. Spangler presented her list of proposed Committee Chairs (and members) for 2016. J. Montgomery proposed one additional committee member, which was accepted by L. Spangler. As modified, the following roster was unanimously approved by the Directors:

Membership Chair - Judy Floyd
Electronic Contact - Tom Moore
Webmaster - Milton Birmingham

Disciplinary Chair - Hugh Hillaker
Recorder - Kay Jones
Business "Studio" Manager - Judy Staser
Tournament Coordinator - Janet Jordan - member, Laura Nash
Publicity Chair - J'Neane Huey
Hospitality - Janet Jordan
Charity Chair - Linda Spangler
Education Liaison - Lauren Brown
NAP Coordinator - Steve Shirey
GNT Coordinator - Steve Shirey
Scorecard Columnist - Millie Williams
Election Chairperson/Committee - Bill Ream, Chair
 Committee: Judy Staser, Mary Hoger, Charlie Brown
Nomination Chairperson/Committee – Jacque Montgomery, Chair
 Committee: Ivan Uys, Marguerite Lavender
Unit Growth Person - Dorothy Moore
Bylaws Chairperson/Standing Rules - David Pearlman
Sunshine - Marguerite Lavender
Unit Game Committee Chair – David Pearlman
Pro-Am/Mentor Chairperson - Ginger Kennedy
District 16 Representative - Steve Shirey
STUDIO
Studio Manager - Judy Staser
Conduct and Ethics Appeals - Joe Harbour
Decorating Chairperson - Audrey Wright
Supplies – Tom Hughes

The Board then considered the impact of the new open carry law in Texas. After discussion and motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously resolved to prohibit the open carry of firearms inside the Studio. D. Pearlman was tasked to work with Studio Manager Judy Staser to create or obtain the legally required signs and to get them properly installed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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