

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 15, 2016

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President L. Spangler called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report.

Education Committee Report

L. Brown reported that a corrected lesson calendar for the next couple of months had been distributed, with a further revision or two to come for lessons later in the year.

L. Brown also noted that her new crop of Easybridge students numbers 42, with up to eight tables in play each week.

Tournament Committee

J. Jordan reported that the Valentine's Day sectional in Grapevine was very well attended on Friday and Saturday, with a drop on Sunday due to that being Valentine's Day. L. Spangler noted that the bulk of the attendees were from Arlington and Dallas, not Fort Worth. J. Jordan will investigate the possibility of renting a bus for Fort Worth players to take to and from future tournaments in Grapevine and/or the DFW Airport.

L. Spangler also noted that the ACBL website already shows three sectionals for the Unit in 2017, and that all the dates look good.

J. Jordan reported the tournament lost about \$200 or \$300. An amount greater than the loss was due to an overtime facility rental charge for Friday. J. Jordan will consider revising the schedule for the next Grapevine sectional so that the two Friday sessions would be at 10 and 3, a move that would avoid the overtime charge and might also increase attendance.

The Board discussed the subject of setup and takedown of the tables and other materials. J. Jordan will explore the possibility of having Cub Scouts take this on as one of their

public service projects. D. Pearlman will contact ACBL to get an understanding of the insurance issues involved in having Cub Scouts and/or caddies becoming involved in this activity.

J. Jordan will not be present at the April Regional. S. Shirey offered to help with duplicating the boards for pair games. J. Jordan will look for additional volunteers to do this.

Studio Refurbishing

J. Montgomery reported that the Studio redo project is going well, although it is behind schedule due to some unexpected complications. She noted that the work crew has been excellent and very accommodating of the Studio playing schedule and that all work should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

J. Montgomery reported that Patsy Walters has been redoing the seat covers on the Studio chairs. The only cost for the project will be approximately \$500 for materials.

J. Montgomery also asked that at some time in the future the Board consider upgrading the Studio's kitchen.

Old Business

D. Pearlman presented a proposed set of Bylaws revisions for discussion. Two changes were made from the previous draft, one relating to term limits, the other to write in votes. The Board agreed that with these revisions the proposal should be presented to the membership. D. Pearlman will draft a notice and other materials to be published on the Unit website and publicized at clubs throughout the Unit.

Following the meeting D. Pearlman contacted Mary Ellen Stanton of the Arlington club and obtained permission to hold the membership meeting on the Sunday of the Arlington sectional, which will be June 26.

New Business

D. Pearlman reported that on January 1 the Unit suddenly found itself with 68 Ruby Life Masters and seven Sapphire Life Masters. The Board considered whether to add these people to the list of those getting letters for Awards Day and decided not to do so.

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