

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

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

M. Tryon reported that the Studio had lost about \$14,000 during the first two months of the year, roughly the amount spent on the extensive renovation project. The rest of the Unit's operations had been roughly at break even. The sectional tournament held at Grapevine in February lost approximately \$1,300. Other than the renovation project, there were no unusual items of income or expense.

Education Committee Report

L. Brown reported that there was no significant news concerning the Education Committee.

Tournament Committee

J. Jordan reported on her ongoing planning for the Regional tournament to be held in April. All items appear to be on track for a successful tournament. The only open item was board duplication. After discussion, J. Jordan said she will provide the Unit's dealing machine to Steve Shirey, who will be on site at the tournament for the entire week, and will ask Kevin Perkins, director-in-charge, to bring another dealing machine.

Old Business

D. Pearlman presented a resolution for the Board to memorialize its recent discussions concerning what free plays the Unit would awarded at Unit games. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

"Winners at all Unit games will get free plays that can be used only at future Unit games. "Winners" means the highest scoring pair in each direction in each section in a pairs

game, and the winning team in a Swiss game. The game director must break any ties, and is free to use any fair method.”

New Business

L. Brown asked that the Board consider purchasing high intensity lamps for use by the visually impaired. After discussion the Board agreed that two lamps should be purchased.

The Board considered whether to purchase a defibrillator for the Studio. After discussion concerning training and potential liability, the Board decided not to do so.

L. Spangler noted that the third Monday of April, which normally would be the day for the Board to hold its monthly meeting, would occur during the Unit’s upcoming Regional. After discussion the Board decided not to hold a meeting in April.

The Board considered what to do when individuals not on the Board request that a tournament event be named in honor of an individual. After motion made and duly seconded, the Board resolved as follows:

“The Unit will charge a fee of \$250 to have a sectional tournament event named in honor of an individual at the request of a non-Board member, and \$500 if the event is at a Regional. The Board remains free to name events without charge in honor of Unit members who have provided exceptional service to the Unit.”

The Board considered whether to participate in the ACBL’s Longest Day program to be held on Tuesday, June 21. J. Jordan volunteered to direct a breakfast session charity game that day, and the afternoon and evening sessions will also be charity games.

The Board considered whether to provide free plays to individuals who successfully identify which “Fresh and Clean” item was buried that week in J’Neane Huey’s newsletter. J’Neane would call up to five individuals each Sunday evening and the first to answer correctly (if any) would win a free play. After discussion the Board decided in favor of awarding the free plays.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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