

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MAY 23, 2016

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President L. Spangler called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Directors L. Spangler, J. Montgomery, D. Pearlman, J. Jordan, L. Brown, J. Floyd, M. Tryon, K. Jones and S. Shirey all attended.

**Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2016 were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

M. Tryon reported that bills from the recent Regional tournament were still coming in. He expected a profit of at least \$20,000 after all the numbers were revised. He noted that the charges from the hotel were about \$7,000 lower than for the previous Regional. L. Spangler commented that the difference was probably largely due to not hosting a meeting for District officials, as had been done the last time. L. Spangler tasked M. Tryon with looking into getting a credit card for the Tournament Chair so that expenses for future tournaments will not have to be fronted by those working on the tournament preparations.

M. Tryon noted that total expenses for the Studio renovation now exceeded \$20,000 and were still rising, with the final tally expected to be not much higher. L. Spangler noted that the effort by Patsy Walters in repairing the Studio's tables and chairs was way above and beyond the call of duty and suggested that Patsy be rewarded with some free plays. After motion duly made and seconded that Board unanimously adopted a resolution providing Patsy with fifteen free plays she can use at the Studio.

M. Tryon that the Studio's operations were at break-even through the first four months of the year, with the unit showing a net loss of about \$3,500. He commented that this picture is somewhat skewed because the Unit expenses everything immediately, rather than capitalizing improvements such as the Studio renovation.

Upon motion made and duly seconded the Treasurer's report was accepted, subject to the oral modifications made at the meeting by M. Tryon.

**Education Committee Report**

L. Brown noted that the current series of lessons at the Studio has been very well attended. L. Brown and M. J. Orock discussed charging for lessons and that is now being done, at \$10 per lesson.

L. Brown reported that her Easybridge classes will be ending this summer and that she is working on a plan to bring them into regular games and into the lesson series.

### **Tournament Committee**

There was no report from the Tournament Committee. K. Jones requested that there be created a handbook for running the Unit's tournaments. J. Jordan will work on this project with J. Montgomery. M. Tryon commented that such handbooks would be a good idea for all positions. He also commented that that emailing people who attend our tournaments about future tournaments would be a good idea.

### **Old Business**

D. Pearlman reported that preparations for a Unit meeting to consider revisions to the Bylaws are on track for a June 26 meeting at the upcoming sectional. He noted that materials will be posted on the Unit's website on June 1 and that hard copies will be available at the Studio, the Arlington and Denton clubs, and at the tournament. The meeting will be held during the lunch break of the Swiss team event on June 26.

### **New Business**

J. Montgomery asked if the Board would be interested in obtaining a security system for the Studio. After discussion it was decided there was no interest.

D. Pearlman noted that the last Unit directory had been distributed exactly two years ago and asked if it were time to do a new one. The Board decided that this should be done. D. Pearlman will do the update and circulate for review.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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