

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 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, D. Pearlman, J. Jordan, J. Floyd, M. Tryon, K. Jones, L. Brown and S. Shirey all attended.

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

M. Tryon reported that there had been minimal financial activity during the previous month. The Studio was essentially at breakeven for the month, while the Unit had a loss of less than \$600. M. Tryon stated that he and D. Pearlman would contact Wells Fargo about the money there and work to get it consolidated with the rest of the Unit's money at Chase Bank.

Upon motion made and duly seconded the Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Tournament Committee

J. Jordan presented a proposal to revise the Unit's standing rule concerning free plays and free rooms for unit members working at tournaments. L. Spangler noted that both the Unit's current rule and the proposed modified rule were more generous than other major units in District 16.

After a thorough discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, Article IV, Section G, subsection 2 of the Standing Rules was modified to read as follows:

"At regional tournaments, rooms shall be made available for the Tournament Chairperson, the Caddy Chairperson, the Hospitality Chairperson, and the Partnership Chairperson. In the event one of these chairpersons does not make use of the room, that person shall instead receive twelve (12) free plays. Eight free plays shall be provided to the Prizes Chairperson, the Registration Chairperson and the Photographer. In addition, eight (8) courtesy free plays shall be given to the President of the Unit.

At sectional tournaments, a room shall be made available for the Tournament Chairperson, or if the Tournament Chairperson does not require a room, the chairperson may use a free play at any session the chairperson may play. Three (3) free plays shall be provided

to the Caddy Chairperson, the Partnership Chairperson, the Registration Chairperson, and the Photographer. In addition, three (3) courtesy free plays shall be provided to the President of the Unit.”

All Directors except M. Tryon voted in favor. M. Tryon voted against.

Education Committee Report

L. Brown reported that she will hold her Learn Bridge in a Day session on September 24. The student fee will be \$30. L. Brown will place advertisements in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Neighborhood News. L. Brown also hopes to start her next Easybridge group in early October so as to provide continuity for the Learn Bridge in a Day students.

New Business

J. Montgomery reported that all is on track for the annual meeting of members in October, at which directors will be elected. She requested that L. Spangler appoint game directors to serve as temporary members of the Election Committee so that they could receive ballots, primarily at locations that will not have ballot boxes. S. Shirey that noted that it would be a conflict of interest for him and K. Jones to accept ballots.

L. Spangler then appointed the following game directors as members of the Election Committee, to serve until 10 a.m. on October 2, 2016: Mary Lou Collins, Dee Berg, Diane Washabaugh, Tom Moore, Fitz Fitzgerald, Ann Kennemer, Jo Bryan, Mary Hoger, Steve Shirey, Dorothy Moore, Lauren Brown, Jan Mogged, Janet Jordan, Doug Berke, Dorothy Bedford, Carolyn Marks, Chuck Berke, Jeri Quinton, Charles Brown, Carole Keller, Kimmel Jones, Mary Ellen Stanton and Kim Brinkman.

J. Montgomery proposed putting out a recommendation to game directors at the Studio concerning cellphones in order to minimize the number of annoying disruptions to the players. After significant discussion, it was agreed that a recommendation would be made that players put all cellphones to off or on vibrate, including those left with the director for the session. D. Pearlman will draft the recommendation for review by J. Montgomery before it goes out.

K. Jones reported that she is working on putting together a list of upcoming special events at the Studio, one that will be updated as appropriate.

Old Business

J. Montgomery noted that a physical mailing to all unit members for the annual meeting is expensive and asked if the issue could be revisited. D. Pearlman noted that electronic posting would suffice from a legal perspective, and L. Brown noted that the Unit could also make ballots available at the Studio and other locations for members who may not have internet access. D. Pearlman noted that since this year’s ballot is in a combined mailing with L. Brown’s Learn Bridge in a Day flyer the expense issue is moot for this year, and proposed that the Board take up the issue in 2017.

K. Jones noted that she has purchased a new chair for game directors at the Studio. The chair has been tested by game directors, the fabric has been Scotchgarded, and there is a plastic pad for the chair to roll on.

D. Pearlman reported that the directory is at FedEx for printing. J. Montgomery gathered bids from three sources and FedEx agreed to match the lowest bid. L. Spangler suggested that the print run should be raised to three hundred, and J. Montgomery was to contact FedEx immediately after the meeting to do so.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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