

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President L. Spangler called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

In Mr. Tryon's absence there was no Treasurer's report.

Tournament Committee

J. Jordan proposed that there be a prize for the overall winner at the upcoming sectional. L. Spangler noted that the number of winners could not be predicted, as team mates usually end up sharing the title. No action was taken.

J. Jordan noted that the upcoming sectional would be the final one at which the Unit would be able to bring food into the Radisson without charge. The charge will be \$75 at the next tournament at that location. For the current tournament volunteers will be sought to provide cookies and sandwiches on Friday and Saturday and something on Sunday morning, with Pulido's catering the Sunday meal.

J. Jordan also reported that the Grapevine Convention Center is raising their fee to \$600 to bring in food to the February 2017 sectional. L. Spangler observed that it might be prudent to cancel the facility contract if the charge could not be negotiated downward. J. Jordan will speak to the facility manager, after which she and L. Spangler will decide whether to cancel the contract.

Education Committee Report

L. Brown reported that she expects seven tables or more for Learn Bridge in a Day on September 24. She will also be starting an Easybridge class very soon. She would like the Easybridge people to have a very limited game to which they could graduate once Easybridge ends. J. Jordan offered that to increase overall attendance she would like to change her Thursday evening game to a 0 to 49 game to accommodate these people starting in January,

and to change her Tuesday evening game to a 0 to 2500 game at the same time. The Board encouraged her to give the idea a try.

New Business

J. Montgomery raised the possibility of buying supplies for the Studio from Costco rather than Sam's Club, in order to accommodate Sue Rowe. She noted that the Sam's membership expires in November, which would make for an easy transition, and that the membership cost at both places was about the same. The Board agreed that she should work to make the change.

J. Montgomery offered to hold the annual Board Christmas party at her house again this year. The Board enthusiastically accepted the invitation. The party will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. Significant others are invited.

J. Montgomery reported that a person who wished to remain anonymous had expressed a desire to fund an event honoring volunteers who contribute to the operation of the Studio. L. Spangler noted that limiting the honorees to people who volunteer in Fort Worth would cause division within the Unit, and that omitting anyone who had volunteered even in a small way would lead to hurt feelings. After discussion the idea was shelved.

Old Business

The Board engaged in a discussion concerning contingency planning for the time when a new Treasurer would be needed. L. Spangler will talk to a potential bookkeeper who could handle the record keeping in the event that the new Treasurer does not have bookkeeping experience. Such a bookkeeper would receive a monthly fee. A proposed fee amount was moved and seconded. After discussion the Board decided that the fee should be negotiated rather than fixed in advance and the motion was tabled.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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