

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 16, 2017

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President D. Pearlman called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

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

We were pleased to have as our guest, Paul Cuneo, District 16 Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors, who reported on ACBL issues and action plans.

**Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by L. Brown, and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2016 were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

M. Tryon gave an overview of the Unit's financials for November and December 2016 and for 2016 as a whole. For the year, the Studio showed a deficit of just over \$10,000, due entirely to the approximately \$20,000 spent on Studio improvements, and the Unit (exclusive of the Studio) had a deficit of \$752. The Unit's cash flow began 2016 with a net worth of \$253,000 and ended with a net worth of \$244,000.

Upon motion made by J. Montgomery, and duly seconded, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as presented.

**Education Committee Report**

L. Brown reported that on Saturday, February 18, Mary Jane Orock will hold a 1-day seminar on two- over-one play. The fee is \$25 and includes lunch.

**Tournament Committee**

J. Jordan commented on the upcoming Grapevine Sectional. Since the Sunday Swiss is the same day as the Super Bowl, it was decided that the Swiss would be a play-thru and box lunches would be served.

## **Old Business**

D. Pearlman reported that all legal requirements had been met in advance of the membership meeting that will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5 at the upcoming sectional, where the members will vote on revising the Bylaws to eliminate the need to send out election materials and ballots by U.S. mail each year.

## **New Business**

D. Pearlman presented a list of proposed Committee Chairs (and members) for 2017. The following roster was unanimously approved by the Directors:

Membership Chair - Judy Nixon  
Electronic Contact - Tom Moore  
Webmaster - Milton Birmingham  
Disciplinary Chair - Hugh Hillaker  
Recorder - Kay Jones  
Business "Studio" Manager - Judy Staser  
Tournament Coordinator - Janet Jordan  
Publicity Chair - J'Neane Huey  
Hospitality – Sue Rowe, Pat Sears, Janet Jordan  
Charity Chair - Linda Spangler  
Education Liaison - Lauren Brown  
NAP Coordinator - Steve Shirey  
GNT Coordinator - Steve Shirey  
Scorecard Columnist - Bill Walker  
Election Chairperson/Committee - Bill Ream, Chair  
Committee: Judy Staser, Mary Hoger, Charlie Brown  
Nomination Chairperson/Committee – Jacque Montgomery, Chair  
Committee: Ivan Uys, Anne Ward Williams  
Unit Growth Person - Dorothy Moore  
Bylaws Chairperson/Standing Rules - David Pearlman  
Sunshine - Marguerite Lavender  
Unit Game Committee Chair - David Pearlman  
Pro-Am/Mentor Chairperson - Ginger Kennedy  
District 16 Representative - Steve Shirey

## **STUDIO**

Studio Manager - Judy Staser  
Conduct and Ethics Appeals - Joe Harbour  
Decorating Chairperson - Audrey Wright  
Committee – Pat Sears  
Supplies - Sue Rowe

### **Board Meeting Time**

J. Montgomery moved and the motion was duly seconded that we move the Board meeting time from the 3rd Monday to the 4th Monday. Motion was approved. This change was made in order to accommodate the coordination between the treasurer and the bookkeeper.

### **New Studio Guide Cards**

J. Montgomery moved and the motion was duly seconded that we purchase new guide cards for the Studio. Motion was approved.

### **Standing Rules**

President Pearlman requested the Board member review the Standing Rules for any revisions that need to be considered.

### **Unit Game Free Plays**

The Board reconsidered providing free plays for all of the games in the Unit deemed to be "Unit games." L. Spangler moved, and the motion was duly seconded, that the Board discontinue distributing winner free plays to all clubs and entities other than for Unit games specifically run by the Unit Board of Directors. The motion carried. M. Tryon cast a dissenting vote.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Spangler, acting Secretary