

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President J. Montgomery called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Directors L. Spangler, C. Benton, L. Nash, J. Montgomery and S. Rowe attended in person. Directors J. Jordan and D. Pearlman attended by telephone. Directors H. Schulz and S. Shirey did not attend. Unit Bookkeeper Ann LeFevre also attended.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the meeting of the January 27, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ann Lefevre presented the Treasurer's report for January.

Unit operations for January (exclusive of the Studio) showed a profit of \$204. The Studio had an operating deficit of \$560 for the month. Cash on hand was \$47,235.

Table count for the month was 306.5, down 22.5 from 2019.

The Tuesday social bridge game has disbanded, so there will not be any more revenue from that group.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Education Committee

C. Benton reported the new movie about bridge called Aces and Knives was shown by the Houston unit but did not attract any non-bridge players. She did not think it would make economic sense for the Unit to have a screening.

C. Benton reported that Jeri Quinton's new beginner lessons are going well, and attendance is increasing. The Board agreed that Buck Buchanan could have the Studio for three mornings in March for a series of lessons for advanced players.

Tournament Committee

L. Spangler reported on the February NLM Regional and Open Sectional, held concurrently at the CERA complex. The players all seemed to have a good time. Attendance for the Regional was excellent (138 tables), attendance for the Sectional was disappointing (140 tables).

On a combined basis the tournaments operated very close to break even financially. Expenses were higher than they probably needed to be, in part due to having three directors, two of whom were National Tournament Directors.

Tournament Chair Sue Gilbreath will handle the Regional in April but will give up her position when the tournament ends.

New Business

J. Montgomery noted that the Studio was down to three coffee pots. She will buy two more. She also noted that some of the tournament boards have red cardboard in them and that causes problems. No changes will be made at present. There are also two broken chairs at the Studio. One will likely be repaired, the other discarded.

Old Business

J. Montgomery noted that the position of Sunshine Committee Chair needed to be filled and proposed Helen Nelson for the position. Upon motion duly made and seconded the proposal was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

David J. Pearlman

Secretary, Fort Western Unit 183