

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 24, 2021

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President J. Montgomery called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Directors J. Montgomery, L. Nash, C. Benton, S. Shirey, and L. Brown, attended in person. Directors D. Pearlman and L. Spangler attended by telephone. Directors H. Schulz and J. Helmers did not attend.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the meeting of the April 26, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

J. Montgomery noted that the Treasurer's report previously prepared by Ann LeFevre had been circulated by email. April was essentially the same as March; no revenue and ongoing expenses. J. Montgomery also reported that Ann LeFevre has decided to waive her monthly fee; she will continue to do the books, without charge.

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

New Business

J. Montgomery reported on a conversation with Paul Cuneo, District 16 Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors. ACBL is in good shape financially thanks to revenue from online games. (The Denton and Arlington clubs have also seen revenue from online play.) ACBL will consider giving financial help to clubs damaged by the pandemic. J. Montgomery asked if ACBL will also help Units such as ours that don't run their own games but have fixed expenses. Paul Cuneo will see what ACBL does with this topic. ACBL is also likely to give some Unit games directly to clubs.

J. Montgomery raised the possibility of adding limited games to the current schedule, and more Unit Championship games as well. S. Shirey reported that the open games are generally small but growing since the Studio reopened at the beginning of May, but that having limited games might cause some Open games not to make. Until directors come back to the limited games the issue remains moot.

S. Shirey proposed sending a Pianola to Unit members reminding them that because of stratification, Open games and Unit Championship games can provide as many or more points to limited players as do limited games. D. Pearlman will do the first draft, which will include S. Shirey's list of masterpoints won at the Open games since the Studio reopened as evidence of this fact. The Pianola will also note the reopening of the BAFLAC club, which is at a new location in Flower Mound.

J. Montgomery proposed that more Unit Championship games be scheduled. (Since only one of the Unit's 24 annual slots has been used so far, the calendar can have more than usual during the remainder of the year.) D. Pearlman will coordinate with clubs on scheduling them.

J. Montgomery also proposed that there be a Unit game and Christmas party on December 11. There was no objection.

J. Montgomery informed the board that Kay Jones will take on the role of "Keeper of the Keys" for the Studio.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

David J. Pearlman
Secretary, Fort Western Unit 183