

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 28, 2021

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President J. Montgomery called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Directors J. Montgomery, H. Schulz, J. Helmers, L. Nash, C. Benton, S. Shirey, and L. Brown attended in person. Directors D. Pearlman and L. Spangler attended by telephone.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the meeting of the May 24, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

J. Montgomery noted that the Treasurer's report previously prepared by Unit Bookkeeper Ann LeFevre had been circulated by email. May was essentially the same as April; no revenue and ongoing expenses.

L. Spangler noted that Ann LeFevre received a bill from IRS for \$1980 because a filing sent to IRS before the due date was reportedly received afterward. D. Pearlman will gather the facts and suggest a course of action.

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

Old Business

J. Montgomery asked if there were any reason to change the date of the Fall Election Sectional, currently scheduled for October 8 through 10. D. Pearlman replied that he could not think of one. S. Shirey will contact ACBL concerning the tournament's change of location to the Studio. One issue will be whether a local director can be used instead of a visiting ACBL tournament director.

J. Helmers announced that she could not continue as Tournament Chair due to physical limitations. A replacement will be sought immediately.

D. Pearlman summarized his findings on the issue of how club owners and their game directors might be protected under the Studio's Hartford liability policy. In a nutshell, the game directors would have to establish a separate legal entity as a bridge club, and that club would have to execute an appropriate contract with the Unit before the Unit could name the club as

an additional insured under the policy. In his view the startup costs and ongoing work required of the club owners makes this an impractical option.

Another possibility would be to have the Unit establish one or more "Unit owned club(s)" in accordance with ACBL rules. D. Pearlman will research the issue and prepare a memorandum in advance of the next meeting.

New Business

J. Montgomery asked if the Board should have an in-person meeting to elect an ACBL Regional Director in September (a new position replacing District Director) or conduct the vote electronically. Members indicated unanimously that an in-person meeting would be fine. J. Montgomery will contact both candidates (and ACBL) to urge that clubs do not continue to be disfavored in relation to online games.

The search for directors for limited games continues. Gary Wright has just moved back to the Unit and said he is willing to do so once a sufficient number of players have indicated they will play.

Two individuals have indicated they would be interested in taking beginning bridge lessons. Jeri Quinton has said that if the number reaches four she would be interested in teaching them.

S. Shirey reported that he had submitted a sanction request for a Unit level NAP qualifier to be held at the Studio on September 12. So far as he knows the sanction is in place.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

David J. Pearlman
Secretary, Fort Western Unit 183