

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 28, 2023

The meeting was held at 6715 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX. President C Benton called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Directors S. Shirey, L. Smith, H Schultz, and R. Eads, attended in person. Directors D. Branch, S. Bennett, and M. B. Howard attended by phone.

Minutes

Director Shirey read the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2023.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes were unanimously approved, with one typo corrected, 2022 to 2023.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was summarized by Director S. Bennett. Year to date loss was \$1765, February loss was \$901. The sectional made a profit of \$3044, and the Directors & Officers insurance was paid for the year.

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

Mentor-Mentee Game

Pres. Benton reported that Lorraine Little and Mary Jane Orock were working on a 5-month series of games, usually on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2 pm. Snacks will be provided, and a lesson by MJO on a popular convention will precede an 18-board game.

Awards Day

Awards day is April 29th. Director Branch has all awards ready. Pres. Benton will get a sign-up sheet for the potluck lunch that starts at noon.

Updated Directory

Director Branch has done much work on the new directory. Discussion ensued about how many needed to be printed. Director Eads reported that ADBC would be interested in buying some quantity to resell at their club. Director Schultz reported that Granbury would likely not need many at all. Pres. Benton suggested we go to print as soon as the printed copies at the Fort Worth and Arlington studios were returned with corrections and confirmations. Director Shirey suggested before printing we need to call people that did not check their entries to see if the info is still correct, or if they would prefer not to be listed any more. It was suggested that an emailed copy be sent to Denton for their corrections and checking. It was still felt that 200 was a good quantity to print.

Studio Rent

Pres. Benton reported that she discussed the possible rent in our next lease. Hickman said that new lessors were paying substantially more than we are per sq. foot, so a reduction in rent was out of the question. Director Eads suggested Preservation Hall might be a possibility for a new location. Director Branch, who has much history with the site, mentioned some misgivings about the area and available parking, but suggested other Directors check out the site and make their own decisions.

New Tournament Chair

Director Howard is giving up her position as Tournament Chair, suggesting Director Eads to take her place.

Upon motion duly made and seconded he was unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued about whether to have a vaccine mandate for Unit tournaments, now that ACBL will allow sponsoring organizations to make their own rules in May 2023. After discussion, it was proposed that the Unit not have such a mandate for local tournaments, which must be noted on the flyers.

Upon motion duly made and seconded that was approved for any Unit tournaments.

Boost Program

Pres. Benton reported that former Unit member Diane Dillman is returning to live here, and is very interested in teaching beginning lessons with the help of the ACBL's Boost program, which she has seen work well in a club in the Memphis area where she currently lives.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Steve Shirey
Secretary, Fort Western Unit 183