

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 22, 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, M. Howard, and H Schultz attended in person. Directors S. Bennett and D. Branch attended by phone.

Minutes

President Benton asked if all had read the July minutes as emailed by acting Secretary L. Smith. There were no questions about the minutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was summarized by Director Bennett. The Unit has lost \$8525 YTD. July showed a profit of \$1257, because of the semi-annual rebate from ACBL, the one-time Regional sanctions rebate from D16, the Boost program rebate, and the first directory sales.

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

Directory

Director Branch reported on the completion and delivery of the new directories. They cost us \$4.30 apiece, and we're selling them for \$4.00. 200 were printed, and ADBC bought 50 of them from us to sell to their players. The decision was made to not post any form of it online, due to privacy concerns.

Upcoming Election

Director Branch reported on the upcoming election. The slate is C. Benton, D. Dillman, and J. Robbins. Director Branch got the information to the Election Chair, L. Little, to send out 30 days before the election. There was a discussion about a Bylaw change so that a President could serve more than the currently allowed 2 one-year consecutive terms. It was decided to simply change the 2 term limit to 3 terms.

Upon motion duly made and seconded that Bylaw change was to be added to the ballot.

New Location Search

Pres. Benton reported on the initial search for a new location for the studio to move to in July 2024. The Woman's Club was possible, but the rent was too high. The next location checked was the Community Centers of Fort Worth. They would set up tables and provide coffee, and no rent would be charged – but a yearly fee would have to be paid by each player. No exchange of money could occur there, so alternative payments to the directors would have to be arranged. The best location seemed

to be on Hemphill, south of Berry. Plenty of parking is available. Hours might have to be adjusted for a senior group that meets until noon. Some evening hours are available, for lessons or eventual evening games. There were questions about whether a group that wanted to rent the space would be able to displace us. President Benton planned to find out the answer to that, and any more questions that might arise.

Miscellaneous

President Benton mentioned the possibility that Fort Worth would be awarded the Spring NABC in 2026. She also mentioned the new program instituted by ACBL to award \$20 in plays at local clubs to lapsed members who rejoined ACBL. Calls were being made to lapsed members to inform them of said program. Director Schulz mentioned that David Lemasters was taking over the Granbury game from Fitz, and moving to a church starting in September.

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

Steve Shirey
Secretary, Fort Western Unit 183