

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 24, 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, R. Eads, L. Smith, and S. Bennett attended in person. Director D. Branch attended by phone.

Minutes

President Benton asked if all had read the September minutes as emailed by acting Secretary L. Smith, and the August minutes as emailed by Secretary S. Shirey. There was a question about the free plays for renewing members in August's minutes, and one about the Tournament Assistant possibility for the May 2024 regional from the Sept. minutes.

Upon motions duly made and seconded each set of minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was summarized by Director Bennett. The Unit has lost \$13,254 YTD. September showed a loss of \$2082. Extraordinary items were a quarterly interest accrual of \$1136, and a plumbing bill of \$502.80. The Election sectional just held had 97 tables, down from 105.5 in February. The projected profit is expected to drop by about the same percentage.

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

Old Business

Changes to Standing Rules

1. Caddy duties – Put away boards & director's materials, rearrange tables & chairs, and make hours until 6 pm at sectionals.
2. Director's table rent – The mention of \$7 rent for <500 MP games will be removed, and only say that limited games could be granted a reduced rent by the Board as determined on a case by case basis, for a time to also be determined.
3. Lecture pay at tournaments – Last month the rate for lectures was raised from \$25 to \$50, that change will be added to the official copy.

Election results

The Bylaw change for Presidents' term limits passed at the Election Sectional and will be changed and posted.

Tournaments

Discussion was held on whether to buy an announcement for the 2024 Regional next. The rate

may go up after the first of the year. There was hope that we could run twice for the price of one issue. If not, then only run in the March/April issue for \$325.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the announcement will be paid for before year end.

Director Eads found out the Hyatt will likely have our preferred larger room rented out on our usual week for the 2026 Regional. He wanted to lock down another week with ACBL and the hotel as early as possible. Other May dates will be examined for conflicts.

New Location Search Committee

President Benton said she had Directors Eads and Shirey on the committee, along with herself. Director Howard mentioned she had talked about the space above La Madeleine. There is plenty of space and an elevator. President Benton said she was informed at the sectional that there was space near the Colonial Savings & Loan on I-30. Her first inquiry found they weren't renting those spaces, but she will keep trying. The Hemphill Community center is still being contacted to see if that could work out.

Miscellaneous

Pres. Benton reminded the Board that Unit Goodwill and District Star awards would need to be voted on by the end of the year. She also mentioned it was time to schedule the annual Unit Christmas party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06.

Steve Shirey
Secretary, Fort Western Unit 183