Meeting Minutes

District 16 Unit 183 Board of Directors

Meeting Details

Date	Sep 23, 2026
Time	4:10pm – 4:40pm
Location	3417 Wellington Rd Ste 105; Ft W. Tx 76116
Meeting Called By	Monthly Board Meeting
Facilitator	David Branch, President
Note Taker	J Fee (in D. Dillman's absence)
Attendees	David Urbel, Steve Shirey, Cynthia Benton, Randy Eads (by telephone), Verlyn Stahlecker, John Burgess, John Fee
Absentees	Diane Dillman

Agenda

- Approve August minutes
- Approve August financials
- Tournaments
- Election
- Other business

Discussion and Notes

1. 8/26/26 Meeting Minutes were approved.
2. Financials: David Branch reported a $427 loss this month, while YTD position reflected a positive cash flow of $1,313. Report was approved.
    - Landlord lowered facility rent this month due to A/C not keeping up with demand
    - Electric provider refunded sales tax due to recognition of tax exemption status.
    - Although no immediate action was taken, discussion ensued regarding Vanguard money market account. David reported that moving into short-term bonds (possibly thru JPMorgan) may earn better interest rates as well as allowing more efficient means to conduct transactions.

3. Tournament Items:
    - The Unit did receive the refund of $1,795.45 from the Regional Tournament that was held in May at DFW Airport's Grand Hyatt
    - Randy Eads reported that a contract was signed with Grand Hyatt for the 2028 Regional Tournament (which is scheduled for the week after Mother's Day)
    - Sectional Tournament: Steve Shirey and Randy reported that the 5-Tournament restriction has been increased to 6 by ACBL. This will open additional opportunities for Arlington since Fort Worth and Denton have two. Non Life Masters (NLM) Tournaments can also be scheduled and do not count against this restriction.
    - John Burgess will now co-chair (with Ken Javor of Denton) for Regional Tournaments
4. Election
    - The yearly Unit Officer Election process is now under way. While it was noted that oversight of this process is the V.P.'s responsibility, the Election Committee is responsible for validating votes by members in good standing and counting votes. Results of the election will be revealed on Oct 17 during the Fall Sectional.
    - David also encouraged the Board to be thinking about his replacement as his tenure as Board President will expire at the end of this year.
5. Other Business:
    - David related that Gloria Fields desired to conduct her "Beginning Bridge" classes weekly during the evening instead of the current schedule of 2nd and 4th Monday mornings. Motion was made and approved this accept this welcome change. The classes are tentatively scheduled 5:30pm - 7:30pm every Monday and will be reflected in the upcoming Newsletter.
    - Silver Frogs: Randy related that he will be teaching Bridge at TCU beginning in mid-October and suggested these students would be excellent candidates to attend Gloria's as well as Docia's "Under 750 Masterpoint" game which is held every Monday beginning at noon.

Meeting Time Adjourned: Approx.4:40pm

Minutes Prepared By: J Fee (in D. Dillman's absence)