

SAN ANTONIO BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 172
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

March 12, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:41 pm by Nancy Tom. **Present:** Nancy Tom, Roxana Tom, Sharon Evans, Karen Fillis, Ed Rawlinson, David Mitchell, Jo Neesvig, Ellen Hessel, Rebecca Evans, Susan Hernandez and Everette Lewis. **Guests:** Laurie Levin, John Hilbig, Rosemary Kelley and Beth Gale.

Minutes: Everette Lewis moved to approve the minutes from February 7, 2024, Ellen Hessel seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Evans prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report for February. Total Assets are \$93,496.33.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 2 new members, 1 transfer in, total membership 446, down 5.

Education: Last week of Laurie's intermediate class. New Intermediate and Beginner classes at the Jewish Community Center starting in May.

Mentor/Mentee: One mentor/mentee pair dropped, added 4 to the tiered mentoring, program is going well. Rebecca is trying to grow the beginner program and will see if any beginners would like Mentors.

499er Committee: Rebecca currently has 5 people on her committee. The Championship Game at the JCC had 12 tables and was a great success. They had attendees from Kerrville, New Braunfels, and local private clubs. The goals for the committee: (1) schedule one game every quarter with one of the games being a two-day downgraded IN Sectional. (2) provide support and atmosphere for learning for beginning players. (3) find new players and grow the attendee base. The local games are growing, and they are looking for other venues to be able to have bigger games. Talking to a few different HOA's with party rooms about offering free plays or lessons to their members. Rebecca can work with Ed to schedule games. Roxie suggested that our 499's be called to encourage them to come and play. Rebecca has been doing that.

Partnership: Nothing to report.

Regional: Rosemary Kelley presented the proposed schedule for the 2025 Regional. The brackets were not approved Ed will look at other regional flyers for brackets and approval of brackets will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Small corrections were made to the flyer and Nancy will email revised flyer to board members in the next few days for approval and posting with ACBL. Game prices were approved. Karen made a motion to offer a \$7.00 student discount at all Unit Regional and Sectional events, motion seconded by Everette and after discussion was approved. Games will start on Monday at 10 am. We have approval to set up at Drury Inn on Sunday afternoon. Rosemary will be directing the evening fast-pair games. They will not be regionally rated. The Board approved for Rosemary to be reimbursed for the Regional meeting she held at a local restaurant to discuss the schedule.

Unit Games:

March 9 Awards Day: 23 tables and all food was provided by volunteers so no hospitality expense.

May 11 and July 27: Team games. Roxie is going to try to get Tom Marsh to direct May 11 game. If he chooses not to direct, the game will be changed to a a pairs game. Rosemary has volunteered to direct the team game on July 27.

Tournaments:

Roxana Tom Sectional: Flyer has been approved and posted with ACBL. We will have a speaker during the lunch break on Friday. There will be a sign-up sheet at Fiesta for people to bring snacks. Ellen would like only finger foods, but several people thought our members expect the nice hospitality that the unit has been providing. Roxie said her sister-in-law donated a 100-cup coffee urn to the unit, which is appreciated.

New Braunfels Sectional: Ed presented arguments for single session Swiss team games and 2-session pair games. Karen made a motion to have an afternoon Swiss Team game on the first day of Unit sectional tournaments, except the Winter Sectional held in conjunction with the NAPS, motion seconded by Ed and passed. Two-session pair games were not added to the tournament schedule at this time. The tournament flyer was approved with minor changes and will be updated and sent to the ACBL and posted on the Unit website soon. We will have a speaker during the lunch break on Saturday.

October Sectional: We may change the strats at a later date. We will have a speaker during the lunch break on Friday.

Scorecard: The Unit game on June 8 will be a charity game for the Alzheimer's Association since there will not be a game on the Longest Day. Ellen asked that Board members send her items to be included in the Scorecard.

Winning Finesse: Was mailed a few weeks ago. The issue before the August annual meeting and luau will publish the changes recommended to the bylaws and the candidates for the October Board election.

President's Online Meeting: Nancy gave a summary of the ACBL President's online meetings which is attached to the Agenda for this meeting.

Old Business:

Directory: Roxie provided a list of unit members who have not approved being in the directory. She asked that Board members contact the people they know and see if they want to be in the directory. The new directory will be printed soon.

Free-play cards: Free-play cards have been provided to Fiesta and New Braunfels.

Trailer Repair: Repairs have been completed and the trailer looks great. It has not been kept outside since the roof leaks were repaired but is outside now. If there are any leaks, Magnum will warranty. We may have to find a new location to store the trailer. Beth Gale said we can keep it at her house if Freddie doesn't find someplace closer. We appreciate Beth's willingness to help us.

Bridge Mates: Have been delivered to New Braunfels and Fiesta. Steve Simpson has been sick, so they are not set up yet on the computer at Fiesta. The program will also need to be put on the Unit computer which Sharon keeps for the accounting.

Policy Manual Update: Change in By-Laws will be voted on at the Annual meeting in August.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Will be selected at the next Board meeting. Everette will not be running for re-election. Nancy, Rebecca and Karen will be running for re-election.

Next meeting: Monday, April 8 at 2:30 at Agudas Achim.

Roxana Tom moved to adjourn the meeting, Everette Lewis seconded, and meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fillis, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

All Board Members — Review updated flyers from Nancy
Ed — update on stratifications at other regional tournaments
Nancy — update flyers
Karen — provide Rosemary prior Regional budgets