

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

May 13, 2024

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm by Nancy Tom. **Present:** Nancy Tom, Roxana Tom, Sharon Evans, Karen Fillis, Ed Rawlinson, David Mitchell, Ellen Hessel and Everette Lewis. **Absent:** Rebecca Evans, Jo Neesvig and Susan Hernandez. **Guests:** Laurie Levin and John Hilbig; Rosemary Kelley by phone for Regional discussion.

**Minutes:** Sharon Evans moved to approve the minutes from March 11, 2024, Everette Lewis seconded, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Evans prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report for February. Total Assets are \$81,558.11.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** 4 new members, 3 transfer in, 2 transfer out, total membership 448.

**Education:** Laurie has a new beginner class at the JCC, only five the first week but expecting two more. Laurie asked Roxie to send out a flyer to try and get more participants. Nancy suggested giving participants guest membership for 4 months, membership only \$29 for the first year after that. Maximum master points player can earn during guest membership is 20. Laurie also has a new intermediate class with 20 people. Laurie will encourage non-members to sign up at acbl.org.

**Mentor/Mentee:** Nothing to report.

**499er Committee:** Rebecca would like to schedule a one-day 499er game and a two-day 499er sectional. She is looking for a venue. Ed will check on the lead time to schedule a 499er sectional. Scheduling and sanctioning a unit game is no problem once we have a date and location. Nancy suggested adding Mary Massey to the committee.

**Partnership:** Nothing to report.

**Regional:** Rosemary Kelley is trying to get approval from Drury for food trucks during lunch using the driveway behind the hotel. If Drury charges for the food trucks, we will not use them. All 299er games were eliminated and Monday only there will be a 499er game. IN players can play in the Gold Rush pairs. Rosemary wants to review the flyer one more time before it is posted on ACBL website. Rosemary applied to Amazon for tax exemption but there is a monthly fee for businesses so we will pay tax for Amazon purchases. Karen will look up District 16 fees and send them to Rosemary. Karen will resend the prior Regional Budgets to Rosemary to start a working budget for 2025. Everette has a sound system the Unit can use. Rosemary will check if a sound system is already in the Drury contract.

**Unit Games:**

**March 11 Team game:** 17 tables; Harry Ingham directed.

**June 8 Pair game:** Ellen and John are hosting. Kathleen Stephens at St. Thomas is retiring. Karen will contact her and express our appreciation for all she has done. \$5 per player will be donated to

Alzheimer's Association. Larry will direct. Flyer will be sent out next week on Pianola. Sharon will get the computer to Karen before the game, Karen will also collect the cash and deposit it, paying any necessary expenses from available cash.

July 27: Team game. Rosemary has volunteered to direct the team game on July 27. Ed and Rebecca are chairs.

August 17 Luau and Annual Meeting: Two-session pair game, lunch and annual meeting between sessions. Roxie, Nancy, David and John are co-chairs. Roxie is asking Tom Marsh to direct.

### **Tournaments:**

New Braunfels Sectional: Nothing to report. Ann Kuehler has her team together. Flyer approved.

October Election Sectional: Flyer approved; Nancy will send to ACBL with a copy to Karen.

Nominating Committee: Eight candidates, David has bios and photos for three. Steve will pull old ones for board members running for reelection. Ed needs them for the Winning Finesse.

Scorecard: Next deadline is June 15. Nancy has pictures from Team Game and NB double session game to send Ellen if she can use them.

Winning Finesse: The issue (30 days) before the August annual meeting and luau will publish the changes recommended to the bylaws and the candidates for the October Board election. Nancy will collect all the bios and photos and send them to Ed. Ed will ask Steve if he can put photos in Winning Finesse.

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: There has been a good response to the free-play cards. May is the last month to get a new card. All cards must be turned in by June 30.

Bridge Mates: The new bridge mates are up and running. Everyone likes them. New Braunfels old Bridge Pads will be loaned to Kerrville. Kerrville now has a game every Monday at a community center. Roxie will get the Bridge Pads to them on condition they be returned for Unit team games, Sectionals and the Regional. Everette will begin using some of Fiesta's Bridge Pads for San Antonio Country Club. He's hoping to convince them to buy Bridge Mates. Everette will also return the Bridge Pads to the Unit for team games.

Policy Manual Update: Proposed change in Article VIII of the By-Laws was presented by Ed, Sharon seconded, and the change was approved by the Board. The change will be voted on by the Unit members at the Annual Meeting in August.

### **New Business:**

David suggested the Board might consider a wine tasting at Mary Massey's after one of the Board meetings.

New Computer: The Board approved the purchase of a new laptop for the Unit. Estimated cost about \$500. The case on the current laptop is cracked and it runs very slow. Karen and Sharon will shop for a new one.

**Next meeting: Monday, June 10 at 2:30 at Agudas Achim.**

Ellen Hessel moved to adjourn the meeting, Sharon Evans seconded, and meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Fillis, Secretary

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Ed** — check on lead time for two-day 499er sectional, ask Steve about photos in Winning Finesse

**Nancy** — bios and photos for candidates to Ed, Flyers for New Braunfels and Election Sectional to ACBL

**Karen** — provide Rosemary format for working budget for regional, provide Rosemary district fee schedule, sign-up list at Fiesta for June 8 game (Appetizers and Desserts)

**Ellen** — June 8 game, 4 sets of Boards, schedule Freddy

**Sharon & Karen** — purchase new laptop