

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

June 10, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm by Nancy Tom. **Present:** Nancy Tom, Roxana Tom, Sharon Evans, Karen Fillis, Ed Rawlinson, David Mitchell, Ellen Hessel, Everette Lewis, Rebecca Evans, Jo Neesvig and Susan Hernandez. **Absent:** None. **Guests:** Laurie Levin, John Hilbig and Hank Eng.

Minutes: Roxie Tom moved to approve the minutes from May 13, 2024, Rebecca Evans seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Evans prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report for May. Total Assets are \$88,300.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 1 new member, 1 transfer in, 0 transfer out, total membership 452. John Hilbig contacted all of the members on the 5/5/5 report. Some renewed and some said they weren't going to renew but did. Tom Kaufman deceased. John needs more Free Play Coupons to give to new members and transfers in. There was a suggestion to add Jo Neesvig to the welcome letter as partnership chair. Laurie said her name could be added to the letter for partnerships at Fiesta and Steve's game.

Education: Laurie's beginner class at the JCC is on lesson 5 and now has 8, maybe 9 students. The students don't seem to want to join ACBL even if the Unit pays their first-year membership. The intermediate class has 20 but most don't want to play duplicate at Fiesta or Steve's game. Rebecca suggested a duplicate game after the last lesson and said she would be willing to help. There was also a discussion about giving them a free play at a club at the end of the lessons. Karen made a motion to give each intermediate student a club free play coupon at the last lesson, motion seconded by Ed, motion carried. Karen will get Free Play Coupons to Laurie.

Mentor/Mentee: Two new mentees in New Braunfels and two in San Antonio. Rebecca volunteered to be a Mentor. Susan will contact the Mentees who have not been playing.

499er Committee: Laurie will have a two session 499er game at the JCC on August 10, \$32 for both sessions and lunch. Players are encouraged to play both sessions, no discount for only playing one session. Rebecca would like to schedule a two-day 499er sectional in February. She is looking for a venue. We can't use the Parish Hall on Fridays because of school. Ed needs 3 months lead time to schedule a 499er sectional. Rebecca will give Ed a date and will send Sharon and Karen a copy of her budget. Karen suggested that the church in New Braunfels might be a good location. Rebecca said she will contact other Units providing IN games to see how many out-of-town players attend. She thinks the games will be profitable with as few as 5 tables at \$14 per session. The board appreciates Rebecca's efforts to provide more games for 499ers.

Partnership: Nothing to report.

Regional: Nothing to report.

Unit Games:

June 8 Pair game: We had 20 ½ tables. The board commended Ellen and John for an outstanding job organizing the tournament. Ellen thanked all the people who volunteered to help. There was a lot more food donations than expected. We collected \$400 for Alzheimer's Association. There were a lot of beginner players.

July 27: Pro-Am team game. Rosemary will direct, and Ed and Rebecca are chairs. Karen suggested we have a sign-up sheet at Fiesta, New Braunfels and Steve's games for pairs under 1000 points looking for Pro's and Pairs over 1000 points looking for Amateurs and start announcing the game at the clubs. Game will be held in the Parish Hall at St. Thomas. Nancy will add to the flyer.

August 17 Luau and Annual Meeting: Two-session pair game, lunch and annual meeting between sessions. Roxie, Nancy, David and John are co-chairs. Ed made a motion to make one more change to the ByLaws since there will be no disciplinary committee, to delete Section V.8.h, motion seconded by Karen, motion carried. The ByLaw changes will be in the next issue of the Winning Finesse.

Tournaments:

New Braunfels Sectional: Nothing to report.

October Election Sectional: Nothing to report.

Nominating Committee: Eight candidates will be in the Winning Finesse.

Scorecard: Next deadline is June 15, and the article will be ready, which will include information about the Monday games in Kerrville as well as activities of the Unit.

Winning Finesse: The issue is almost ready to print. Ed still needs Nancy's article.

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: Directory is complete and will be distributed at the Annual Meeting. A notice will be in the Winning Finesse.

Free-play cards: Laurie was pleased with the response to the Free Play Cards. She finally made a profit in May at Fiesta. All cards must be turned in by June 30.

Bridge Pads: Roxie will get the old New Braunfels Bridge Pads to Kerrville.

Policy Manual Update: Proposed change in Article VIII of the By-Laws will be printed in the next Winning Finesse and voted on by the Unit members at the Annual Meeting in August.

New Business:

New Computer: The new computer was purchased at Best Buy and was used to prepare the May financials. Total cost including computer, programs and transfer of data was less than \$500. The old computer case was repaired by Best Buy and will still be used for scoring unit games. Karen has the old computer.

Nap Finals: The NAP finals have been alternating between Austin and San Antonio every other year and the District has requested that San Antonio relinquish their right to have the games because three of the directors live in Austin and the expenses will be much less if the games are held there, no hotel expense and a lot less mileage expense. After considerable discussion Ed made a motion to support the recommendation to move the San Antonio NAP finals games from San Antonio to Austin, David seconded the motion, motion carried.

Plastic Cards: Laurie said she has about two dozen sets of plastic cards that can be used for team games and is willing to sell them to the Unit for \$5 per deck. They cannot be used in the dealing machine but would be great for team games. Nancy will look at the cards in the metal cases at the July team game.

Next meeting: **Monday, July 8 at 2:30 at Agudas Achim.** Karen will be out of town and Roxie will take the minutes.

Ellen Hessel moved to adjourn the meeting, Sharon Evans seconded, and meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fillis, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

Ed — add new ByLaw change to Winning Finesse

Nancy — article for Winning Finesse, check cards in metal cases at July team game, add Parish Hall (not gym) to flyers for Unit games, notify District 16 about NAP finals

Karen — provide Unit Free Play Coupons to Laurie and John

Rebecca — provide budget to Sharon and Karen, get date to Ed for 499er Sectional, call Austin and Houston about attendance at IN sectionals, find venue for 499er Sectional, call new members and transfers in to welcome and get involved in a club

John — revise welcome letter

Susan — contact mentees who have not been playing