

SAN ANTONIO BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 172
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:32 PM by Nancy Tom. **Present:** Nancy Tom, Roxana Tom, Sharon Evans, Karen Fillis, David Mitchell, Everette Lewis, Rebecca Evans, Jo Neesvig, Ed Rawlinson. **Absent:** Susan Hernandez and Ellen Hessel. **Guests:** Rosemary Kelley, Laurie Levin, John Hilbig and Steve Simpson.

Minutes: Rebecca Evans moved to approve the minutes from July 8, 2024, Jo Neesvig seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Evans prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report for July, 2024. Approximately \$76,000 in total assets.

Committee Reports:

Regional: Rosemary Kelley presented a revised schedule for the 2025 Regional. Breakdown for Gold Rush Pairs: B – less than 999 points, C – less than 600 points, D – less than 300 points. Side games will be in the morning, must play 2 out of 3 games for regional points. There will be a 499er pair game on Monday. Fast pairs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening at 7:30 pm. Rosemary will direct. Ed was requested to get Unit sanctions for the games. Fast pair games will be \$8 cash only, these will not be regionally rated games. Free game at 10 AM on Saturday for players with 0-25 master points. Rebecca will prepare a flyer to be handed out in April or May for the Gold Rush games, the 499er on Monday, and the free game on Saturday morning for beginners. Rosemary is negotiating with the Drury about the food trucks, at present they want \$150 per day for cleanup and the trucks will be parked on the street behind the hotel. Rosemary presented a list of the committee chairs. Everette and Ed will be doing Name an Event but Laurie will make the announcements. Rebecca was asked to prepare a flyer for Name an Event which will be posted on the white board at Fiesta Bridge Club and a copy sent to New Braunfels and Kerrville. Rosemary has prepared a budget but was having trouble sending out the spreadsheet.

Membership: 2 new members, 2 transfers in, total membership at 447. John is doing an exemplary job contacting people on the 5/5/5 list, two people will renew. Hank Norvell was accidentally put on the deceased list and the mistake has been corrected.

Education: Laurie's summer class is currently between 17 and 22 people. She would like to try mini bridge on a Sunday at the JCC. There was discussion about Laurie organizing a Learn Bridge in a Day class and Rosemary and Roxie teaching. Laurie will check with the JCC about space, cost, and availability (possibly in November). Usually JCC members must be free for the class and the JCC gets \$5 per person for nonmembers. Laurie will have a new beginner class starting in January. She may change her teaching manual.

Mentor/Mentee: Karen reported a considerable drop in Mentor/Mentee play, 2 pair in July and 1 in August. Susan is contacting players this month while on vacation.

499er Committee: Rebecca reported that the IN Sectional has been moved to February because of a problem with ACBL's Tourney Track. Laurie's 499er games on Saturday only had 8 tables despite

considerable effort on Rebecca's part to generate interest. The players that attended had a great time and enjoyed the games and lunch. Laurie will try to schedule another 499er game day in November.

Partnership: Nothing to report.

Election: Voting schedule is complete. We will possibly get new nominees at Annual Meeting on August 17.

Unit Games:

July 27: Pro Am game had 15 tables. Rebecca did a great job with hospitality and David coordinated the set up and take down. Rosemary directed. Some players thought the Pros should have to play with the Am, rather than Pro with Pro and Am with Am. Some Am's wanted to play with their regular partner and not learn a new card for the game. The board will consider options for future Pro-Am Team games.

August 17: Annual Meeting and Luau, two single session games with lunch and annual meeting between. Sign up sheet at Fiesta for players and also for appetizers/snacks.

Tournaments:

New Braunfels: September 5-8 - Ann Kuehler and Cindy Cummings are organizing. The flyer has been amended with Ann's correct phone number. Nancy will email a PDF to Steve for the Unit website. Set-up is Wednesday at 3 PM at the New Braunfels Civic Center and volunteers are needed.

Diane Olson Election Sectional: October 16-19 - Karen and Susan are hosting, nothing to report.

Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional: January 15-18 – Saint Thomas is not available for these dates. We are looking other venues. Drury Inn requires a 25 room-night guarantee plus rent, which is too high for a sectional. We generally don't have that many players from out of town wanting a hotel room.

Scorecard: Ellen is working on the article for the next issue.

Winning Finesse: Latest issue sent and received.

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: Completed and will be distributed at the Annual Meeting. Copies will be available at Fiesta Bridge Club, New Braunfels, and Kerrville.

New Business:

St. Thomas Contracts: St. Thomas has gone up from \$50 to \$55 per hour plus a \$75 per day cleaning fee, which is still more reasonable than any other venue we have found. The new staff has requested payment in full upon signing of the contracts. Karen suggested we sign the contracts for the sectionals because we have already lost the date for January 2025. There was some discussion about alternate

venues and a decision was made to wait a few weeks while Rebecca, Laurie and Sharon look at other options like the Northeast ISD facility at Blossom Athletic Center and the Jewish Community Center. There was discussion about the Northside ISD facility at Culebra and 410 but the location is not very convenient for the players. The Salvation Army building on 281 was also suggested. Karen suggested we consider cancelling the January sectional if a reasonably priced location cannot be rented. We generally make less than \$1,000 on a sectional at St. Thomas. Discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

Awards: Bring your nominees for District 16 Star Award and Goodwill Award. We will vote on nominees at the September board meeting.

Executive Session: Non-board members were asked to leave for an executive session. Ellen Hessel was present by phone for the Executive Session. Minutes were not taken for this session.

Karen Fillis moved to adjourn the meeting, Jo Neesvig seconded, and meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fillis, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

ED – 3 unit game sanctions for Regional Fast Play games

REBECCA – Flyer for Regional Gold Rush, 499er and Saturday 0-25 free game; Flyer for Name an Event; check on cost and availability of Northeast ISD facility for January and future sectionals

KAREN – microphone for Annual Meeting; update St. Thomas on status of contracts

NANCY – PDF of New Braunfels flyer to Steve

LAURIE – check on cost and availability of JCC for sectionals, LBIAD, and unit games

SHARON – check on cost and availability of Salvation Army facility on 281 an Encino Rio