

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

September 9, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:33 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. **Absent:** None. **Guests:** Laurie Levin, Steve Simpson, and Rosemary Kelley.

Minutes: Ed Rawlinson moved to approve the minutes from the monthly meeting on August 12, 2024, and the annual meeting on August 17, 2024, Roxie Tom seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Evans prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report for August. Total Assets are approximately \$73,800. Our funds are going down rapidly. We will consider raising fees for unit games at a future date.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 2 new members, 2 transfer in and 0 transfer out. Total membership 448. Laurie said one of her new members was charged \$59, rather than \$29. Nancy asked that the new member follow-up with ACBL and, if the money is not refunded, Nancy will talk to ACBL.

Education: Laurie had 26 students in one of her intermediate classes at the Jewish Community Center. Three of her students have turned in free plays at Fiesta or Steve's game. There are 3 lessons left in Laurie's beginner class.

Mentor/Mentee: Currently have 12 Mentor/Mentee pairs and 12 Tiered-mentoring pairs. Susan has been contacting Mentors and Mentees who have not been playing and has recruited a few more Mentors.

Intermediate/Newcomer: Rebecca needs the flyer for Feb 15-16. Nancy will prepare and forward. Rebecca suggested that we give a unit free play to I/N players at Sectionals if the 499er game does not make if they choose to leave rather than play in the open game, but only if they then decide to play in the open. No decision was made. Rebecca would like to have a roster of 499er players in the District. Steve and Everette will help her download the information from the ACBL website.

Partnership: Nothing to report.

Nominating (Election): Bob Watson has withdrawn his name from the October ballot.

Unit Games:

November 16: Mentor/Mentee and Pro/Am, single session (Everette, David and Jo)

December 14: Holiday Party (Karen, Ed and Rebecca)

December 10: New Braunfels is having a 2-session holiday party.

Fiesta will also be scheduling a holiday party.

Tournaments:

Regional 2025: Rosemary presented the budget for the Regional. If we are required to have a 4th director, it is doubtful we will make much money. Directors will be Scott, Kevin, Melody and Carolyn Pinto. Fast-pair game is not on the budget. Karen made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Ellen, motion passed.

Ellen will be sending postcards to players who attended our Regional last year from out of town, and the Austin Regional in 2024 if she can get the information. Rosemary has been working with the caterer and will be serving hotdogs on the 4th of July and there will be two choices for Sunday lunch (cost will be \$17 per person). Steve will be doing the daily bulletins online and in print. Quik-Print is only open three of the days. Nancy has an account for bulk printing at Office Depot. She will give Steve the account number, but Office Depot does not deliver, and Quik-Print does.

Roxie proposed to charge \$16 per session Monday through Friday and \$17 per session on Saturday for Regionally rated games, and \$160 per team on Sunday, seconded by David, motion passed.

Nancy will amend the flyer, and Rosemary will forward it to ACBL.

New Braunfels Sectional: Ann Kuehler and her team did an outstanding job running the tournament. We will be receiving a check from ACBL for over \$8000 with 216.5 tables. We should make a nice profit on this tournament. Kudos to the team for a job well done. The caddies were extremely pleased with the generous tips from the players.

Diane Olson Election Sectional: October 16-19 at St. Thomas. Plans are going smoothly. Nancy will ask Michelle if she will Caddy for the Wednesday afternoon Swiss Team.

Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional: Tournament will be held at the Jewish Community Center from January 16-19, 2025. Laurie will talk to a friend who caters Kosher food for Sunday lunch, or we may change the schedule to provide a lunch break on your own.

2025-2027 Tournaments: Ed presented a schedule for approval. Karen advised the board that the St. Thomas contracts have not been signed for 2025. They want payment in advance upon signing of the contracts. Roxie suggested we ask for a 50% deposit, rather than payment in full. Karen will contact the new administrator at St. Thomas and see what can be worked out. We will sign the Sectional Contracts as soon as possible and the Unit game contracts in January. The 2025 and 2026 dates are approved. 2027 dates selected are April 14-17 (Roxana Tom Sectional), September 9-12 New Braunfels Sectional, and October 27-30 (Diane Olson Election Sectional. We did not approve a date for the Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional in January pending the outcome of the January Sectional at the Jewish Community Center.

Scorecard: Article will be submitted on time.

Winning Finesse: Has been mailed.

President's Online Meeting: 5/5/5 report attached to the Agenda. We are being reimbursed very little for membership dues, compared to prior years.

Old Business:

Get together at Mary Massey's after October 21 Board Meeting. All new and existing board members are invited.

New Business:

District 16 Board meeting: Ellen attended the meeting. Austin will host the NAPS qualifier on January 11 and 12 at the Austin Bridge Club, not the same weekend as their sectional or our sectional in 2025. Ellen advised the District Board that was not our Unit's understanding when we allowed Austin to host the NAPS.

Awards: Nominees were selected for District Star and Goodwill awards. Nancy will do the write-ups with help from Jo and Karen.

Next meeting: Monday October 21 at 2:30 at Agudas Achim.

Ed moved to adjourn the meeting, Sharon seconded, and meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fillis, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

Nancy — Update flyer for Regional and Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional. Prepare flyer for NLM Sectional February 15-16. Ask Michelle to caddy on October 16 for the afternoon Swiss.

Nancy, Jo and Karen — write-up for District Star and Goodwill awards