

SAN ANTONIO BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 172

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

February 10, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:43 pm by Nancy Tom. **Present:** Nancy Tom, Roxana Tom, Sharon Evans, David Mitchell, Jo Neesvig, Rebecca Evans, Jamie Gardner, Karen Fillis, David Mayer and Susan Hernandez. **Via Phone:** **Absent:** Ellen Hessel. **Guests:** Laurie Levin, John Hilbig and Steve Simpson. Welcome to David Mayer, our newest board member.

Minutes: Roxie Tom moved to approve the minutes from January 11, 2025, David Mitchell seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Evans prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report for November. Total Assets are approximately \$83,000. We made about \$1200 on The Ed Rawlinson Sectional in January.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 0 new members, 2 transfer in, 1 transfer out, 0 deceased, 2 reinstated, total membership 433. We received our membership reimbursement. It was lower than normal. The 5/5/5 program doesn't seem to be working for our unit. David Mitchell and Jerry Harrington met with the ACBL Board President in Houston and expressed concern over the membership under disciplinary action. David thinks the Unit should write a letter to the ACBL expressing our concerns. Karen talked to Bronia Jenkins, CEO of ACBL, and expressed concern over the number of players with disciplinary actions. Bronia said her hands are tied until the next Board Meeting in October, but she listened to the concerns. Bronia does not feel that writing letters will help the situation in the interim. All of the current disciplinary action is from BBO play during Covid. The problem is that the penalties severely affect face to face bridge, which is already suffering.

Supplies: Melody will not be bringing a dealing machine for the March Sectional. David Mitchell will talk to Bob Otis about making the boards. We don't have enough sets of boards to make them all ahead of time so we'll need permission from Everette to use his dealing machine during the tournament and ask Bob if he's willing to make boards during the tournament. Karen suggest we purchase a few more sets of boards that can be used with the dealing machine. After considerable discussion, Roxie Tom made a motion to buy 4 sets of boards, without cases, seconded by Karen Fillis, motion carried. Nancy did an outstanding job inventorying items in the trailer so we know what supplies are needed for the Regional. Karen will order the necessary supplies.

Sanctions: 4 special games for New Braunfels and 2 for Kerrville.

Education: Laurie has new beginner classes from LBIAD, 12 in the daytime class and 5 in the night class.

Mentor/Mentee: 8 mentor/mentees and 7 tiered mentoring. Nancy is making a flyer which will be sent to members in our Unit, looking for volunteers to be mentors and novice players looking for mentors.

499er Committee: ACBL said all IN Sectionals must be two session, so we will not have an IN game as part of our Unit games.

Partnership: Nothing to report.

Promotion: Nothing to report.

Unit Games:

Awards Day March 1: Roxana and Nancy will host. Nancy to prepare certificates.

Tournaments:

Ed Rawlinson Sectional: We made about \$1200 on the sectional and had 154.5 tables, two table more than 2024.

IN 750 Sectional: February 15-16 – New location is the library at Ed Rawlinson Middle School on Vance Jackson. Rebecca will schedule Freddie for delivery and pickup of the trailer. Bob is making the boards.

Roxana Tom Sectional: March 26-29. Roxie and Sharon will chair. Karen will help on Saturday if Roxie goes out of town.

Regional: Nothing to report.

Scorecard: Photos are in from Sectional.

Winning Finesse: Nothing to report.

District Meeting: Roxie Tom resigned as District Representative, Ellen Hessel is the new representative and attended the meeting in Houston.

President's Online Meeting: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Awards: Only 4 or 5 out of 32 recipients were in Houston to receive awards and very few attended the ceremony between sessions. District 16 will consider giving awards at Unit level rather than at a Regional tournament.

Reminder to everyone to make phone calls on the 0-750 list which was assigned last month.

Nancy update the Policy and Procedures manual.

New Business: Agudas will be closed the 2nd Monday in April. Board meeting moved to April 7.

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

Roxie Tom moved to adjourn the meeting, Sharon Evans seconded, and meeting adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fillis, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

Nancy — Flyer for Mentor/Mentees,

Karen — Order supplies for Regional. Get pricing and order 4 sets of boards without boxes.

David Mitchell — Contact Bob Otis about making boards for sectional, contact Everette about using dealing machine.