

July 15, 2013
Ft. Worth Bridge Studio
6715 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Ft. Worth, TX 76116

President Cosby called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Other members present were T. Moore, C. Pinto, J. Montgomery, M. Jackson, M. Tryon, and L. Spangler. Member absent: N. Oliver, D. Pearlman. Guests present: Gary Neisler and Barbara Clinkscales.

President's Report

President Cosby reported good news regarding the ice machine. J. Montgomery is heading up a group looking into the purchase of a new machine as donations have been promised to cover the cost.

J. Montgomery has offered to host the Christmas Party for the Board and invited guests. A tentative date of December 15 is calendared.

The Board will have a work session Sunday, July 21 from 1:00-3:00 pm at the home of J. Montgomery regarding the parameters to set for negotiating a new lease.

An update on D. Pearlman's medical situation is that he is awaiting a report on a recent test procedure that will determine his next procedure.

L. Spangler is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery July 19.

Minutes -- M. Jackson moved to accept the June minutes as corrected and forwarded by e-mail. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report J. Montgomery moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. There was some discussion regarding the monies received as a return on membership fees from ACBL benefitting the individual clubs. A suggestion was made that perhaps an incentive to clubs who volunteer to help out at regional events would benefit monetarily.

Audit Committee – M. Tryon will provide statements and other information that will enable B. Walker to attempt to complete an audit and provide a Form 990 to the IRS.

Committee and Task Force Reports

Corporate Entity Task Force – Chairman L. Spangler reported that an initial meeting was held on July 13 and steps were taken to procure certain information that will be beneficial in determining the Unit's legal status.

Membership -- Due to the success of this year's Bridge Camp, Chairman J. Montgomery has proposed a Bridge Camp for 2014 beginning the week of July 28, 2014. M. Jackson moved that we approve the 2014 Bridge Camp and provide up to \$250 funding. The motion was seconded and approved. J. Montgomery also suggested that the Unit participate in the Tanglewood Elementary School's fall enrichment program for 5th and 6th graders. L. Spangler moved that the Unit participate in said program. The motion was seconded and approved.

Location Task Force -- J. Montgomery moved to name J. Cosby, M. Goldman, and J. Staser as the delegation to negotiate the lease. The motion was seconded and approved.

Nominating Committee – J. Montgomery moved to appoint Kim Brinkman of Denton, Helen Nelson of Arlington, and Judy Staser of Fort Worth as this year’s nominating committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Unit Games -- A meeting of the Special Events Committee will be held at Arlington July 19 to attempt to establish events for the remainder of the year and also for 2014. An e-mail was read from K. Caton expressing a complaint that Arlington had not received its fair share of Unit games. It was noted that while this has been true in the past, the current Board has been taking steps to correct this situation. L. Spangler discussed an idea whereby Arlington could host more Unit championship games. L. Spangler also noted that it was important for people to try to work together for the betterment of all rather than taking a destructive approach.

Education – C. Pinto presented a proposal whereby the Unit would host an “EasyBridge” class beginning Sept. 7, 2013. C. Pinto made a motion to approve same, which was seconded and approved.

Tournament Update -- C. Pinto stated the recent NLM tournament was a success. She is currently working on trying to boost attendance at the election tournament in November.

District 16 -- C. Pinto was not able to attend the recent meeting at San Antonio and will provide a report when received.

Directory – There was some discussion regarding the technique for authorization of member information. Further discussion was tabled.

A motion to adjourn was made by M. Jackson . Motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Spangler
Secretary, Unit 183