

FORT WESTERN UNIT 183

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 17, 2024

The meeting was held at 3417 Wellington Rd. Suite #105, Ft. Worth, TX. President C. Benton called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

Directors R. Eads, A. Lefevre, S. Shirey, D. Dillman attended in person. Directors D. Branch and S. Bennett attended by phone. Directors MB Howard and J. Robbins were unavailable. Guests attending in person were J. Montgomery, V. Stahlecker and J. Fee.

Minutes

Minutes from Nov. 24 meeting were read, A. Lefevre moved to accept minutes, second by S. Shirey, accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Updates

Treasurer A. Lefevre reported November income of \$1188, expenses \$1942 for net loss of \$755. Year to date income \$38,004, expenses \$45,873 for net loss of \$4542. S. Shirey moved to accept the Treasurer's report, second by C. Benton, then approved.

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs

The slate of officers for the upcoming year is presented: David Branch as President, Cynthia Benton as Vice President, Diane Dillman as Secretary and Steve Shirey as Treasurer. The slate of officers is approved by motion made by R. Eads second by A. Lefevre.

Discussion on the duties of officers and committee chairs, with a reminder to review the standing rules and bylaws that are posted on the website.

Online Games

D. Dillman proposes considering online games as an adjunct to in-person playing. The possibility of forming an alliance with the Louisiana Bridge Association (LBA) online collective was discussed. Concerns were raised about not stepping on the toes of other local clubs. The idea of restricting online game participation to Fort Worth zip codes is considered to avoid competition with other clubs. The importance of supporting the club and not detracting from in-person playing is emphasized. The board agrees to table the decision and gather more information before making a final decision.

Expansion Plans and Lease Agreement

J. Robbins reported on the progress of the expansion plans, noting that Ron has agreed to the initial proposal for the new section. Having a reliable landlord representative (Ron) for the building is highlighted. C. Benton mentions an anonymous \$1000 donation to the remodeling fund. The board discusses the details of the lease agreement, including the cost and the work involved in expanding the space.

Tournament Venue

The board discussed the need for a new venue for upcoming tournaments, as Arbor Lawn Methodist has disinvented Fort Western. Lorraine Little's tournament location is considered as a potential alternative.

Goodwill Award Winners

Congratulations to Gloria Fields and John Robbins on their Goodwill Award!

Next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 22nd after the game.

D. Dillman moved to close the meeting, S. Shirey 2nd, adjourned 5:30pm.

Diane Dillman Secretary, Fort Western Unit 183