

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 172 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Roxana Tom at Bailey's Bridge Studio.

Members present: Roger Boeka, Patrick Cardullo, Phyllis Giffin, Jo Grabow, Everette Lewis, Helen McCrae, Sally Parker, Ed Rawlinson, Janise Saul, and Roxana Tom.

Minutes of the August 10, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report presented by Ed Rawlinson was approved. The balance is approximately \$100 less than last month and the profit from the New Braunfels Tournament is about \$2400.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Membership: Everette Lewis passed out the current ACBL Unit 172 Report that listed a membership of 704. Jo Grabow reported new members had been sent packets.
- B. Unit games: The Luau Championship on August 22, 2004 at Bailey's Bridge was a success thanks to hosts Ed Rawlinson, Everette Lewis and Jo Grabow. NAP Unit finals will be held at Alamo Bridge Club on September 18, 2004. It will be a two session event with sandwiches served between sessions. Donna Watkins will direct.
- C. Tournaments: Report is not final for the New Braunfels Sectional held September 9 to 12, 2004. The table count for the tournament was down by 32 and an \$1125 rent increase was experienced, but approximately a \$2400 profit is expected. The Election Sectional on November 4 to 7, 2004 is at Woodlake Golf Course. October 16, 2004 is the Octoberfest Charity Championship and the New Members and Transfers Invitational is October 24, 2004. Both are at the Alamo Bridge Club.
- D. Education: Helen McCrae reported that St. Philip's College will not be holding a bridge class this semester, but is hopeful that Keystone School and others will. Ed Rawlinson is starting a session at Rawlinson Middle School on October 7, 2004.
- E. Mentor-Mentee: Currently 21 mentors and 8 mentees have registered for 2005. The 2004 Mentor-Mentee Championship is scheduled for November 13 at Alamo Bridge Club.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tournament Schedule: Janise Saul is continuing work on the January Sectional which will include the NAP District Finals, and the July Regional which will host the Senior International Trials. Both tournaments are scheduled at the Omni Hotel.
Ed Rawlinson suggested KOs be added to the sectional schedule and Roxana Tom supports Compact KOs. Janise will discuss these ideas those experienced in tournament scheduling.
- B. Schedule first Unit Game for 2005: February 19, 2005 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.
- C. Liability Insurance: Roger Boeka and Ed Rawlinson considered and do not recommend purchase of the Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance offer.
- D. Other Old Business: Roxana Tom is continuing the search for a PA system for the Unit to purchase to be used at tournaments and other large events.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Texas Star Award: Nominations are due December 1. Winners are announced at the Houston Regional in February.
- B. November Election: The Election Ballot needs to be approved at the October Board of Directors meeting.
- C. Other New Business: A motion was made, seconded and passed to send Caddy Master, Sandy Bippert a fruit basket following her triple bypass surgery. Discussion followed concerning ways of providing increased benefits to the membership. A motion was made, seconded and passed to not charge an entry fee for the Holiday Unit Championship and to allocate \$200 for door prizes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Phyllis Giffin
Secretary