

**Minutes for ACBL Unit 172
Board of Directors
July 10, 2007**

Meeting was called to order by Ed Rawlinson, President, at Bailey's Bridge Studio, San Antonio, Texas.

Members present:	Phil Brown	Sherry Di Baggio	Kay Laird
	Everette Lewis	Helen McCrae	David Mitchell
	Becky Mosely	Ed Rawlinson	Roxana Tom
	Paula Wissman		

Absent: Pat Prichard

Guests: Ira Hessel Andy Bailey

The Minutes of June 12, 2007 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was submitted for the board members' review. As of June 30, 2007 the checking account had a balance of \$3688.07; the Savings Account had a balance of \$11,278.35; and the CD's totaled \$79,788.31. The total unit funds are \$95,272.85. The net profit from the Regional was approximately \$16,000, including some outstanding bills.

- A motion was made by Sherry to authorize the purchase of a \$25,000.00 CD by Becky Mosely. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership

The ACBL Unit 172 Membership Report shows 670 members. Presented were the *In and Out Report*, the *Quip Report*, the *Mini-McKinney* leaders, the *Ace of Clubs* leaders, and the *Reimbursement Report*.

Tournaments

There was discussion regarding Seniors and 299ers having starting times of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; using Jason's Deli as opposed to the hotel for the meal on Sunday; the need to line the small trash cans with plastic liners; studying feedback from the tournament; and the awarding of prizes to winners of Pair events only.

- A motion was made by Phil to award prizes to winners of Team events in addition to the prizes given to winners of Pair events. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Roxana to refund \$24.00 to one pair who paid to play a double session in a Senior event after being told by a director they wouldn't have time to finish one session, then start a knockout. When they did finish on time to start the KO, they dropped out of the second session of the pair event and entered the KO. Some discussion ensued. Motion carried by a 7-3 margin.

Andy Bailey thanked the board for the subsidy of his expenses for closing during the Regional.

- A motion was made to give kudos to the caddymaster, Everette Lewis, for his selection and training of the caddies during the Regional. Motion carried.
- The board will need to meet with Janise to thank her for her hard work as Tournament Chairman and to execute the transition to the new TC.

Robbie Borchers will help Nell Morgan run the New Braunfels Sectional as needed.

Unit Games

A flyer was presented for the Luau. The same gentleman will be hired to help set up the tables.

Old Business

Allocation of Unit Championships to Clubs

On the agenda, but not discussed.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Becky Tanner has withdrawn her nomination.

Subsidies to Clubs

There was further discussion regarding giving subsidies to clubs for closing during the Regional.

- A motion was made by Becky to authorize Ed Rawlinson to investigate the expenses of the non-commercial clubs of Unit172 and report back to the board. Motion carried.

Roxana passed out phone lists for board members to call those members of the unit who have not responded to the call for permission to publish their names, etc. in the new directory. Roxana also brought up the need to decide how to publish the ads for the Unit172 clubs. The ads will be free.

New Business

District Meeting - Report by Ira Hessel:

1. All NAOP unit finals need to be sanctioned by July 31st.
2. Emails for our tournaments need to be sent out through ACBL.
3. The cutoff date for the hotel bridge rate for our tournaments needs to be publicized.
4. Dewitt Hudson is now the VP for the ACBL Education Program. Contact him for needed assistance.
5. Our unit has continually lost members, going from 701 in July, 2004 down to 664 in July, 2006. The trend has reversed as we are now at about 670. The unit was over 800 when Ira was on the Board, but that carried some members that should have been removed. Austin increased from 639 to 709 during that same time span. Today, they have 748 members. We used to have more members.

	Austin	SA	Dallas	Houston	Fort Worth	D16
2004	638	701	1181	2215	873	8099
2005	698	694	1231	2202	895	8118
2006	709	664	1262	2261	895	8290
2007	748	670	1262	2303	903	8310

6. Here is the first part of our bylaws:

The objectives of the San Antonio Bridge League shall be:

- (a) To preserve and promote the best interests of competitive contract bridge and any modifications thereof:

There were some complaints that some clubs nationwide were having too many special games and that leads to lower attendance at tournaments.

Objectives of the Organization

Section 1. The objectives of the organization shall be:

- a. To preserve and promote the best interests of the competitive or tournament form of contract bridge and any modifications thereof;

From Ira Hessel: "I have expressed privately to many District ACBL members that the ACBL and District 16 are not following this and I have almost unanimous agreement. As evidence, we can now go to a Regional and get 10 points for winning a typical ACBL 2 session pair event. At some Houston clubs you can pay one dollar and win 7.5 points at an afternoon club game. This will **destroy** the tournaments. I will prepare a full report of what is happening in this regard for the next Board meeting. I am asking for the Board's support in this regard . I will clarify at the next board meeting. I represent our Unit at the District meetings and wish to express the Board's feelings above my own."

Winning Finesse

Roxana briefly discussed assignments for the new Winning Finesse. The deadline for articles is July 13th.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 14, 2007.