

Minutes for ACBL Unit 172
Board of Directors
June 12, 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	Pat Prichard	Ed Rawlinson
	Paula Wissman		

Absent: Roxana Tom

Guest: Marilyn Arnold

The Minutes of May 8, 2007 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was submitted for the board members' review. As of May 31, 2007 the checking account had a balance of \$5530.92; the Savings Account had a balance of \$11,273.72; and the CD's totaled \$79,705.25. The total unit funds are \$96,509.89.

Committee Reports

Membership

The ACBL Unit 172 Membership Report shows 659 members. Presented was the *In and Out Report*.

A letter/email from the ACBL was presented that stated that the ACBL Charity Foundation will end the Unit Rebate Program and replace it with \$20,000 block grants made to each district every five years.

Tournaments

Reminder of the workday to replace cards, bidding boxes, etc. for the Regional - Volunteers are needed to help decorate the playing space as well.

- A motion was made by Sherry to bring in the caddies for training and a pizza party July 2nd. Motion Carried.

The TCDBC will hold a Sectional from August 16th through 19th.

Unit Games

The Awards Day game went well.

Paula will take care of the flyers for the Luau.

Old Business

Allocation of Unit Championships to Clubs

New Braunfels will hold the first of their allocated Unit Championships on June 19th as discussed at earlier meetings.

Report of the Nominating Committee

David Mitchell announced the slate of candidates for this years' election. Running for the board will be Olivia Brown, Phil Brown, Mike Huiatt, Carol Lahser, Linda Lawrence, Arline Rubin, Jay Thorne, Becky Tanner, and Paula Wissman.

New Business

New Supply Chairman

Phil Brown volunteered to be the new supply chairman.

- A motion was made by Everette to appoint Phil Brown as the new supply chairman for the unit.
Motion Carried.

Subsidies for Bridge Clubs for the Regional

A request was made by Marilyn Arnold, present, and Andy Bailey, not present, to help subsidize the lost revenue for their bridge clubs during the Regional. There was much discussion concerning these subsidies for the closing of said Bridge Clubs during Regionals and Sectionals. The point was made that San Antonio clubs should support the unit by closing during Unit 172 tournaments. The counterpoint was made that in doing so, they lose a great deal of revenue while still having to pay rent, etc. and that the unit should support the clubs as well. Ed appointed a committee to be comprised of Everette, Phil, Sherry, and Becky to discuss how these subsidies should be handled for this Regional. The board will vote on the recommendations of this committee by email as soon as possible.

A request was also made for the unit to purchase a high speed buffer for \$860.00 that could be used by both clubs. No action was taken.

Roxana passed out assignments for the new Winning Finesse. The deadline for articles will be July 12th.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 10, 2007.