

Minutes for ACBL Unit 172
Board of Directors
November 13, 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	Everette Lewis
	Helen McCrae	David Mitchell	Becky Mosely
	Ed Rawlinson	Paula Wissman	

Absent:	Kay Laird	Pat Prichard	Roxana Tom
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Guests:	Marilyn Arnold	Barbara Caruthers	Rich Lampman
	Al Lochli	Kathleen Pigott	Jay Thorne

The Minutes of October 9, 2007 were reviewed and approved with one change.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was submitted for the board members' review. As of October 31, 2007 the checking account had a balance of \$4620.23; the Savings Account had a balance of \$5.00; and the CD's totaled \$103,851.15. The total unit funds are \$108,476.38. The net loss from the Electional Sectional was \$3709.46.

Committee Reports

Membership

The ACBL Unit 172 Membership Report shows 687 members. Presented was the *In and Out Report*.

Tournaments

Election Sectional - Great job.

Winter Fun Sectional - Becky outlined the pricing guidelines for bringing in snacks, beer (mini-keg), and wine; tickets for lunches on Monday; the sandwich bar; and the fact that we will have the entire ballroom. The details will be finalized in December.

- A motion was made to cancel the December tournament scheduled for Bailey's. Motion failed 2 - 6.
- A motion was made to hold the December tournament at the TCDBC and split the profit or loss between the TCDBC and Unit 172. Motion failed 2 - 6.
- A motion was made by Sherry to hold the December tournament at the TCDBC and allow that club to keep the profit. Motion carried.

Unit Games

The sanction fees for the unit final in September have been paid by the unit.

Discussion concerning the amount of money that should be spent at the Christmas Party: Most agreed that \$250.00 was appropriate.

- A motion was made by Paula to hold the Christmas Party at the TCDBC. Motion carried.

Old Business

Directory

The directory is almost finished.

Tournament/Unit Game Schedule

The schedule for 2008 was disseminated.

- A motion was made by Paula to add an "Eight is Enough" game at the TCDBC and to hold the GNT at the new Alamo Bridge Club. Motion carried.

Club Concerns

Kathleen Pigott and Rich Lampman attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the new Alamo Bridge Club. The ABC is waiting on a lease and will open as soon as possible and will be able to use the old sanction numbers that the old ABC used when it was run by Rich Lampman.

Marilyn Arnold discussed how the unit and the clubs need to support each other and that we need to work together to attract new members.

There was discussion regarding the approximately \$1800.00 debt incurred by the June Sectional sanction fees not being paid by Bailey's Bridge Studio. The general consensus was that the unit might as well take the loss. (Although not specified, this is reflected in the third motion under Tournaments.)

There was discussion concerning the sanction fees not paid by clubs. Historically, when a club goes out of business, the ACBL will honor the masterpoint awards if they are submitted. If a club is behind in sanction fees, but stays open, the ACBL will not honor the masterpoint awards until the sanction fees have been paid.

Election

Four spots were open for new board members. The results of the voting were as follows: Paula Wissman (112), Phil brown (102), Linda Lawrence (94), Jay Thorne (89), Olivia Brown (87), Carol Lahser (84), Mike Huiatt (76), Cliff Jensen (62), Arline Rubin (38). For personal reasons, Phil felt it necessary to decline the position. The new Unit172 Board members are Olivia Brown, Linda Lawrence, Jay Thorne, and Paula Wissman.

New Business

299er Flighting Parameters

- A motion was made by Paula to adopt the proposed stratifications for 299ers as follows:
0 - 50; 0 - 100; 0 - 300

Motion carried.

Documentation of Procedures

- A motion was made by Phil to allow Ed to lend the unit \$2000.00 short term in order that the unit not have to cash in a CD early. Motion carried.

The deadline to submit a candidate for the Texas Star Award is January 1st.

Winning Finesse assignments disseminated.

Executive Session 6:35 - 6:40

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 11, 2007.