

**Minutes for ACBL Unit 172
Board of Directors
September 11, 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

Guest: Marilyn Arnold

The Minutes of August 14, 2007 were reviewed and approved. The minutes of July 10, 2007 were reintroduced with a more complete report of the district meeting at the San Antonio Regional and were also approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was submitted for the board members' review. As of August 31, 2007 the checking account had a balance of \$1691.37; the Savings Account had a balance of \$4284.77; and the CD's totaled \$105,287.55. The total unit funds are \$111,263.69.

The net loss from the New Braunfels Sectional was about \$125.00.

- A motion was made by Helen, after a recommendation of Ed and others, for Becky to purchase a \$20,000 CD. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership

The ACBL Unit 172 Membership Report shows 673 members. Presented was the *In and Out Report*. Helen will start sending out cards of congratulations to those members achieving new milestones.

Tournaments

Election Sectional - There was much discussion regarding the awarding of \$2.00 section tops in pair events and the same to the winners of team events. Some thought that only 299ers should get these awards and some thought we should instead reduce the entry fees at our Sectionals.

- A motion was made to give a total of \$300.00 in prize money to all categories of overall winners of pair and team events. The motion died.
- Roxana made a motion to award free plays to overall winners in 299er events. (estimated to be just over \$300.00) Motion carried.
- Roxana made a motion to reduce the playing fee at the Election Sectional to \$7.00 per person on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; and \$60.00 per team on Monday.

The new fee schedule and addition of a KO needs to be reflected in the flyer to be disseminated.

New Braunfels - Table count was down 21% from last year, accounting for the loss of about \$125.

Winter Fun Sectional - Reminder: We will be hosting the district NAOP finals.

The transition meeting was held at Ed's home. Becky received a substantial set of notes. Janise will remain the unit photographer.

Unit Games

The NAOP will be held at Bailey's and the flyer will be coming out soon.

Old Business

Directory

The directory will be coming out soon.

Goodwill member of the Year Award

A committee was appointed by Ed, and will include Sherry, Roxana, and Helen.

New Business

Clock - The need for a new clock was expressed.

- A motion was made by Helen to purchase a new clock for the unit. Motion carried.

Tournament/Unit Game Schedule

There was much discussion regarding the Kerrville Sectional. We can probably get the *Inn of the Hills Resort and Conference Center* for the weekend of April 3-6, 2008 if Tom Whitesides approves. There will be conflicts with Houston and Grapevine April 10-13.

- A motion was made by Phil to keep the Sectional in Kerrville April 3-6 if the director problem (shortage) can be worked out (approval by Tom Whitesides). Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Becky to have the Sectional in San Antonio (Plan "B") April 10-13 in a location to be determined in case Kerrville doesn't work out. Motion carried.

The Senior Olympics will be held at the *Lion's Field Adult and Senior Citizens Center* on April 9th or April 2nd in 2008.

There was much discussion on whether or not we wanted to have eight Sectionals a year. Some Austin bridge players feel their tournaments are diluted because we have so many Sectionals.

- A motion was made by Everette to award two Sectionals each to Bailey's Bridge Studio and the TCDBC in 2008. Motion carried.

Roxana will work on the calendar.

The *Winning Finesse* deadline is October 1st.

- A motion was made by Roxana to name a KO at the Houston Regional, the "San Antonio Knockout." Motion carried.

Everette is working on 299er masterpoint winners for the *Paul Lewis* award for 2007.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 9, 2007.