

Minutes

Unit 172 Board of Directors' Meeting

Sept 8, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Roxana Tom, Chair.
2. Present: Steve Simpson, Stephen Hoffman, Debbie Schweiss, Roxana Tom, Roxie Tom, Beverly Santos, Ira Hessel, Kathy Sinkin-Amor, Rebecca Brown, Ed Rawlinson and Gary Anziani.
3. Guests: Laurie Levin, Kim Carpenter, Judy Lewis.
4. The minutes of August 4 were approved as distributed.
5. Treasurer's report: The New Braunfels tournament brought in +\$1,400; the STAC +\$80. The report was unanimously approved.
6. Membership report: The Unit gained five new members and one transfer-in. The San Antonio membership is down about 2 ½%, from 697 to 680, in 2014 compared 2013. The Board discussed how to attract and encourage new players. Kathy follows up new players with a phone call.

7. Unit games: Steve reported the NAP arrangements have been made. Unit policy was reviewed: if the Unit is having a “restricted” game, the other club may host a club game.
8. Tournaments: Although attendance at NB was down slightly (13 tables) from last year, revenues were positive. Kudos to Paula Warren for an outstanding job.
9. Election is on track. David Mitchell is serving as Election Chair. The first week of voting will be the last week of Sept.
10. Cost of printing “The Winning Finesse” was reviewed. Printer-to-mailer process is taking too long. Ed will contact alternatives and get estimates.
11. The Corpus Christi Unit asked to borrow 10 sets of boards and 250 bidding boxes. The Board discussed wear and tear. Ed moved and Debbie seconded to extend the loan. Unanimous.
12. The New Braunfels venue contract was discussed. Stephen moved and Ed seconded, to lock in the contract for the five-year period beginning 2017. Unanimous.
13. The Christmas party location (at BCSA this year) was reviewed, due to numerous complaints about the conditions, primarily overcrowding and lack of adequate air conditioning at the Luau location (BCSA) in August 2014. A committee was appointed to identify other suitable sites, to

consider facilities, lighting, air conditioning, parking, traffic, bringing in food, cost, cost to move tables, and availability of chairs. Appointed to serve were Rebecca, Steve and Ed. Ed moved and Roxie seconded to investigate alternatives for next year and possibly this year; plan for approximately 40 tables and a minimum of 4,000 net square feet. Unanimous. Alternatives to the Omni Hotel were discussed.

14. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 13, 2014 at FBC.

Gary Anziani

Secretary