

Nov 10, 2014

Present: Roxana Tom
 Beverly Santos
 Beth Gale
 Kathy Sinkin Amor
 Absent: Debbie Schweiss
 Guests: Jeri Triibo
 entering:

Steve Simpson
 Rebecca Brown
 Tom Trudeau

Roxie Tom
 Jan Wingate
 Ed Rawlinson
 Steve Hoffman
 Laurie Levin
 Later

1. The meeting was called to order ay 5:00 pm by Rebeca Brown, Chair.
 2. Kathy made a motion with a second by Steve S. and the Oct 13, 2014 minutes were approved.
 3. Roxie read the Treasurer's report and said all of the final figures are not in from the Mentor/Mentee game and she will contact the clubs from the STAC games to get their numbers. Steve Hoffman was selected to purchase the bridge pads for the New Braunfels club. The report was accepted.
 4. Membership: Kathy stated the unit gained 2 members while 1 transferred out. There was general discussion that our unit membership is down while the district membership is up. Dallas, Austin, Midland, and Fort Worth are up. The numbers are from 692 as of 12/13 to 682 as of 11/14.
 5. Mentor/Mentee: Kathy reported we had 9 full tables at the Nov 8th game. There was some confusion as the website said game time was 12:30 while the flyer stated 12:00. Consensus among the board was that all special games should start at 12:30. A mentee may have the same mentor for two years with the approval of the Mentor/Mentee Chair, currently Debbie Schweiss.
 6. Holiday party: Roxie issued a check to rent St. Francis for the December 13, 2014 party. No certificate of insurance was needed. 11:30 food, 12:00 prizes and 12:30 game time. Beverly made a motion to clarify unit 172 Policies and Procedures that both the Luau and the Christmas party would be free and this is a permanent change. Ed was the second and the motion carried. The food budget is \$250.00. The board will evaluate if an independent location should be chosen for the Luau and the Christmas party in 2015 instead of one of our local clubs as attendance is high at both of these events.
 7. NAP'S: Steve S. informed us that the Jan 3 and 4, 2015 NAP's will be in Austin hosted by Holiday Inn, Crowne Plaza. 60% did qualify.
 8. STACS: Laurie said she thought that Paula Wissman had registered the Fiesta Bridge Club with ACBL for STAC games in December. Rebecca will investigate. January 15-18, 2015 were the dates confirmed for the Fiesta Winter sectional games.
 9. Old business: Rebecca talked to Kerrville and they declined the offer for bridge pads. Ed made a motion with a second from Roxana for the unit NAP'S be held Oct 24, 2015 and the vote was unanimous.
 10. 2015 Regional: Jeri stated that 1380.4 tables have been the average for the last 5 years and requested a budget for \$63,000.00. Ed made a motion with a second from Kathy and the budget was approved.
 11. Rebecca suggested we appoint review committees for By Laws, Policies and Procedures, Tournament Review. Ed will head Tournament Review and Roxana will head By Laws, Policies and Procedures.
 12. The 2017 Winter Sectional dates were confirmed: Jan 12-15. Steve S. said he will add board members' contact information to our website. A thank you goes to Dave Johnson for adding unit 172 to Facebook.
 13. Discussion ensued and it is confirmed that the board will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Bridge Club San Antonio at 5:00 beginning in January. The next board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 1, 2014 at 5 PM at Fiesta.
 14. 6:50 The board held a semi executive session and a unit member was voted for the Texas Star award and two members were voted for the Goodwill award.
 15. 7:00 The meeting adjourned.
- Beth Gale Secretary