Untitled Unit 172 Meeting of the Board January 11, 2016

Present: Rebecca Brown

Debbie Schweiss Beth Gale

Hank Eng

Steve Hoffman

Ed Rawlinson

Kathy Sinkin Amor

Roxana Tom

Jan Wingate Jerry Harrington

Absent: Roxie Tom

Guests: Laurie Levin

Everette Lewis

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Rebecca Brown, chair.

2. Kathy made a motion with a second from Steve to approve the Minutes of the November 2015 meeting. Motion passed.

3. Roxana passed out the Treasurer's reports from Roxie and they were reviewed and accepted. Roxana stated Roxie told her not all the numbers are in yet from the STAC game.

4. Kathy noted there were 4 new members with 8 new transfers into our unit. In February of 2015, District 16 had 673 members and in January of 2016, there are 658 members, according to ACBL.

5. Holiday Party of 2015: There were 28 1/2 tables so table count was down from the previous year. Everette suggested the board consider holding future Holiday Parties a week earlier as many people were out of town. The 2016 Holiday Party is scheduled December 10, 2016 at Bridge Club San Antonio.

6. GNT/ 2 Session Stratified Swiss: The GNT to be held February 13, 2016 at Fiesta was changed to a 2 Session Stratified Swiss. Kathy and Jan will host. Judy Hoffman and Paula Wissman will direct. The fee will be \$10.00 per person for both sessions, with lunch provided. Debbie Schweiss volunteered to act as Partnership. Beth will send a flyer to the other clubs in our unit and send to Steve Simpson to post on our website. Everette will get a caddy for this game. Roxana made a motion with a second from Jerry to allow \$300.00 for the food budget. Motion passed.

7. Kerrville: March 31, 2016 through April 3, 2016. The Board discussed having Inn of the Hills provide the Sunday buffet as they have in the past. In 2015, the cost was \$20.95 per person, exclusive of service charge or gratuity. We received numerous complaints, so the proposed \$25.00 per person, exclusive of service charge or gratuity was considered high. Rebecca volunteered to organize the Sunday Swiss lunch. Roxana made a motion with a second from Steve to not have Inn of the Hills provide the Sunday lunch. Rebecca will keep the Board informed of alternate choices.

8. Directory: It is at the printer's and will be mailed out this week. Roxie will get the directory to Steve Simpson in PDF form, per Roxana.

9. Winter Sectional: Set up will begin at 7 pm on Thursday, January 14, 2016 for pairs and 8 am on Saturday for the NAP games. Teardown will be Monday after the game. Ed volunteered to explain what IMP pairs are and the strategy and differences between other games.

10. Rebecca stated she will email the Board members the list of persons that have volunteered so we can incorporate their help.

11. Fiesta is entitled to 6 sanctions for games in 2016 and Bridge Club San Antonio is entitled to the same per Ed. To date, not all of the sanctions have been applied. Hank suggested Steve Simpson might post the clubs' sanctioned games on our website. He will put together ideas for any sanctions our unit may still have.

13. ACBL has incorporated Life Master achievement levels: Ruby is 1500 points and Sapphire is 3500 points.

14. Hank volunteered to give a lecture before the Pro Am Pair game to be held June 11, 2016 at Fiesta and Ed volunteered to give a lecture before the Pro Am Swiss game to be held July 9, 2016 at Bridge Club San Antonio.

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15. The next meeting will be held February 8, 2016 at 4:00 at Fiesta.

16. The Board adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Beth Gale Secretary