

January 9, 2017

Present: Rebecca Brown  
Rawlinson  
Beth Gale  
Lynn Pierson  
Hank Eng  
Jerry Harrington  
Lew Spurlock  
Debbie Schweiss

Ed  
Geneva Johnson  
Jan Wingate  
Kathy Sinkin-Amor

Absent: None

Guests: Laurie Levin  
Hoffman

Judy

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 by Rebecca Brown, chair.
2. With a motion from Lew and a second from Debbie, the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were approved with the modification of \$50.00 that was paid to Laurie Levin's handyman, Freddy, for the Holiday Party.
3. Geneva passed out the Treasurer's Reports and they were accepted as offered.
4. Membership: Kathy reported 5 new members, and 3 transfers into our Unit...2 in Ingram and 1 in Kerrville.
5. Winter Sectional: \$10.00-\$13.00 were the entry fees for all 2016 sectionals held in Texas with \$11.50 being the average as reported by Rebecca. Laurie volunteered to give everyone that played all 8 sessions in the upcoming Winter Sectional one free play.
6. Kerrville: Aa general discussion was had about the future of this tournament; Attendance has been down and the Kerrville club is unable to sustain its previous level of involvement in this tournament. It was previously reported that David Ewing is unwilling to chair the event and Rebecca Brown designated herself as chair. Rebecca volunteered to call Carol Ramberg to ask her if she might be interested in co-hosting Hospitality , with an eye toward hiring someone to staff the hospitality room during game times (possibly from Shriner College). She will also contact Steve Simpson to see if he would like to provide Tournavigation for \$100.00 per day.
7. 2017 Regional: Jerry will provide Beth all the information to design the flyer. Reiterating our agreement, Jerry reported that Steve Simpson will receive \$600.00 for Tournavigation, online pictures of winners and the online bulletin. Costs incurred for printing pictures and bulletins will be extra. In 2015, there was a \$50.00 participation fee per person for the TAP course offered. ACBL recommends a minimum of 25 participants at \$95.00 each. No decision was reached whether to offer the TAP course in the upcoming Regional. It is also yet to be determined if the District helps defray some of the costs associated with the TAP course. Judy Hoffman has agreed to organize the Director Refresher Course. Kevin Perkins will be the Director in Charge of the Regional.
8. LBIAD: Laurie feels the only day she can offer this course is Saturday, July 8, 2017, during the 2017 Regional. That is the only Saturday on which Fiesta Bridge Club is closed for regular business and would be available for use. The Board indicated a preference for a day not during the Regional, so as to make it more attractive for volunteer table monitors. Rebecca said she will look for other venues to hold LBIAD other than Fiesta Bridge Club if Laurie is available on other dates.
9. August 22-25, 2018 were discussed as dates for the NLM Regional in 2018. Rebecca will finalize a contract with the Omni for the event.
10. By ratification, the STAC Co-Ordinator position reverted back Ed Rawlinson from Hank Eng.
11. GNT's: Jan will add the cost per person to the flyer and change the strats to reflect

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divisions based on individual points and not average master points. She will also get a calling committee together to help advertise this game. Lew will retrieve the easel to display an enlarged flyer for this event.

12. Regarding our general aim in increasing membership participation in Unit events, Judy volunteered to try to utilize an ACBL mailing program, targeting only U 172 members for our email "blasts."

13. Further to our discussion during our Strategic Planning session (Jan. 4) Rebecca will confirm how much money, if any, the Unit needs to retain in reserve in order for San Antonio to be chosen as an NABC site.

14. Also further to our discussion during our Strategic Planning session, concerning the use of our financial resources to benefit the wide membership, Ed made a motion with a second from Jerry that all Unit games be free of charge to the members, with the exception of the GNT's and NAP's. Motion passed with Hank, Geneva and Jan voting no.

15 Also further to our discussion during our Strategic Planning session, concerning our use of technology, several board members reviewed other District Unit websites. While the Board is generally satisfied with the Unit website, it agreed that there may be some value-added changes which could be made (e.g. a "drop-down" for I/N activities).

16 In conjunction with Ed's information that the Unit has available a multi-session game sanction from ACBL, Hank proposed hosting a 3 session KO on March 4 and 5, 2017 with game times of 10:00 and 2:30 on Saturday and the third game at 1:30 on Sunday, March 5, 2017. All 3 KO sessions would be free to those that continue to qualify. If a team is knocked out on Sat, that team and any other pair that wishes to play the 2:30 pair game would play free of charge. Ed made a motion with a second from Kathy and the motion passed. Laurie will conduct her regular 1:30 game on Sunday, March 5, 2017, in addition to the final KO session. Hank and Ed will serve as the hosts.

17. The board discussed proposed dates for the 2021 Fourth of July Regional. Jerry made a motion with a second from Hank to have the tournament start June 29, 2021 and end July 5, 2021. The motion passed. Rebecca will investigate a less stringent cancellation clause in the contract for the Omni Hotel in case the board chooses another venue to host this event.

18. Laurie will add a 499'er pairs game during the week.

19. Lew talked to us about the Unit and District Insurance which is \$1M primary and a \$9M umbrella. There are questions about the adequacy of coverage for liability for the truck and the trailer. He suggested we apply for a bond for the Treasurer. As there are two different addresses for renewals and insurance on the vehicles, Geneva will change those to her address. Lew will be in charge of supplies and insurance. Rebecca also reviewed the Director and Officer Liability insurance coverage provided by the ACBL as well as Texas statutory insulation from liability.

20. Kathy distributed information about the tiered mentoring program, which program she will continue to chair. (Lynn will chair the Mentor/Mentee program)

21. February 13, 2017 will be the next meeting at 3:00 pm at Fiesta.

22. The meeting adjourned at 5:12.

Beth Gale  
Secretary