

Unit 172 Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2017

Present: Rebecca Brown, Kathy Sinkin-Amor, Jerry Harrington, Lew Spurlock, Hank Eng, Geneva Johnson, Ed Rawlinson & Debbie Schweiss

Absent: Jan Wingate, Lynn Pierson & Beth Gale

Guests: Paul Cuneo, Laurie Levin, Judy Hoffman & Mary Harrington

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Rebecca Brown.
2. Lew made a motion with a second from Kathy and the minutes from January minutes were approved.
3. Paul Cuneo, D16 Director on the ACBL Board of Directors, talked to us about various things that he will try to achieve in 2017. One of his goals is to get the youth involved in playing bridge and hopes to get software companies to develop a suite of Apps for people new to bridge. He also talked about the State of ACBL, the ACLB Board, and the Emphasis Areas for 2017. He has an ambitious list that will take years to fully implement, but feels 2017 should yield a good start.
4. Geneva passed out the treasurer's report and explained that she will be using Excel to do her reports instead of QuickBooks. It was brought to her attention that the transfer from Money market should be shown as a deposit in the checking account as well as a transfer from the Money Market account. It was also decided that the Fidelity Investments would be audited each year as part of the annual checkbook audit.
5. Membership: Kathy reported 2 new members and 6 transfers in.
6. GNT qualifier was well attended with 18 teams per session. For a total of 36 tables. The food was great and everyone seemed to have a good time.
7. Three-session KOs –It will be a free KO & Saturday pairs Unit Game. The hosts will be Ed Rawlinson, Hank Eng & Debbie Schweiss. Hank will be the director. Kathy Sinkin-Amor will call people to remind them about this and Debbie will send out an E-mail blast to all members in Unit 172 .
8. Laurie was happy with the 237 ½ table count for her Winter Sectional. Laurie wanted to have a 499er pairs game opposite the Thursday afternoon Swiss in the April Sectional. After much discussion, Laurie decided that she will have a 1 session IMP pairs game on Saturday. A vibrant online discussion was held from January 13-16 and the consensus was that for the April sectional, no additional Thursday afternoon 499er game shall be added. Hank, Jan, Lynn, Ed, Geneva, and Debbie voted no to the addition of a 499er pairs game. At the February 13 meeting the board voted 7 to 1 to have a 499er game on Thursday afternoon. Hank voted no to the addition of a 499ers pairs game. Laurie may have a 499ers pair game at the April sectional opposite the open Swiss game.
9. The New Braunfels sectional flyer was approved.
10. Kerrville Sectional – Rebecca said everything is on track and she may ask for help with hospitality.
11. Regional Update – Jerry, as Tournament Chair, proposes that Regional entry fees be \$13 per session and \$120 for the Sunday team. The motion passed. Hank voted no. Lynn Pierson abstained. The District requires a fee of \$4/table for the Saturday events of all regionals. The consensus was to eat the \$1 difference and keep the \$13 per session fee on Saturday. Jerry reported that he has good committees and that Rebecca McCutcheon will do Registration and

Prizes. Lynn Pierson will do Name an Event. He also said we will have to schedule a workday to go thru all the bidding boxes and see that everything is in order and replace cards if needed. There was some discussion on whether or not we should offer the TAP course. Ed made a motion to skip the TAP course and it was seconded by Debbie. Beth Gale got approval from ACBL for the Regional flyer. These changes were made in the course of its creation:

*Gold Rush event stratifications were B = 300-750 and C = 0-300. *A/X/Y Pair stratifications were A = unlimited, X = 1500-3000, and Y = 0-1500 based on the highest individual player's MPs. */A/X/Y Swiss stratifications were suggested to be different from the A/X/Y Pairs, but the strats were kept the same and the director was given discretion to change the stratifications.

12. It was agreed that Steve Simpson should present a demonstration to the board regarding his bulletins work product in March or April.
13. Insurance Update – Lew passed out a sheet with various proposals regarding Liability Insurance from Progressive Insurance for the Truck & Trailer. After review, Kathy moved that we go with Option C with an annual premium of \$1240. Ed seconded the motion. Lew will get new insurance and cancel our old policy with Allstate.
14. Rebecca has negotiated the contracts for the Winter Sectional/NAPs 2020 and the 2021 Regional.
15. Rebecca appointed Tom Trudeau to audit the books this year.
16. Follow-up from Strategic Planning Session – Rebecca has written a column in the Winning Finesse which addresses our financial resources and the board's interest in using the funds for the benefit of our membership.
17. Rebecca gave us a brief report of District 16 Board of Director's Meeting.
18. Next meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Fiesta Bridge Club.
19. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Debbie Schweiss
Board Member