

Present: Rebecca Brown
Geneva Johnson
Hank Eng
Debbie Schweiss
Beth Gale
Kathy Sinkin-Amor
Jan Wingate

Jerry Harrington
Ed Rawlinson
Lew Spurlock

Absent: Lynn Pierson

Guests: Judy Hoffman

1. The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Brown, chair at 3:04 pm.
2. Lew made a motion with a second from Kathy and the July 17, 2017 minutes were approved.
3. Geneva passed out the Treasurer's Report combining July and August.
4. Kathy reported there are 4 new members in our Unit.
5. Unit Games and Tournaments: There were 36 tables at the Luau. Pro-Am game hosted 23 tables. The NAP game will be held October 7, 2017 and the Austin NAP game will be held October 14, 2017. New Braunfels table count saw a reduction of 20 tables from last year. There were 28 tables on Sunday. People suggested the playing times of 10:00 and 2:30 versus 10:00 and 3:00. Geneva will pay the down payment to the civic center for 2018. There was discussion held if there should be a Bracketed Swiss on Saturday. The Election Sectional will be held October 19-22, 2017 and Tom Marsh and Larry Levin will direct. Voting for new board members will be held at the following locations with the following dates:

Fiesta Bridge Club.	October 2, 11 and 14
Boerne	October 5
New Braunfels:	October 3
Kerrville	October 9
Gonzales	Ballots will be mailed by David Mitchell
Voting will also take place Sept 19-21, 2017 during the Election Selectional at Fiesta Bridge Club.	

Rebecca asked if all board members would help clean up whether they are a host or not. Kerrville: Tom Marsh will direct April 5-8, 2018. Carol Ramberg is in charge of Hospitality and a Partnership Chair is needed. Tom suggested no night games nor KO's. The Non Life Master will be directed by Tom Marsh August 22-25, 2018 held at the Omni. Rebecca will give Debbie a copy of the contract with the Omni hotel.
6. A telephone conference was held with Paul Cuneo. He is investigating the current life master requirements as 70% of those he has polled wish to roll back the points from the current 500 to the previous 300; another option might be a different title at 300 points. A vote is scheduled to be held in San Diego on this issue. Paul also is looking into trying to obtain larger points from clubs, asking ACBL to help advertise bridge, I/N subsidy and to increase reimbursement rates. He also mentioned that a club game could be converted to a GNT qualifying game in District 16. After the conversation ended, Judy suggested Tom Marsh as the Director in Charge if Laurie, at Fiesta Bridge Club is amenable to this idea and Rebecca will ask Tom Marsh if he is available in February. ACBL currently charges \$2.25 per table for a GNT game and awards black points. The Unit qualifying game has a different fee and awards red and gold points.
7. The Scorecard currently costs \$376.20 each edition, six times a year. The District does subsidize part of this cost. Hank suggested polling people in October at the Election Sectional to determine if people want a paper version or online version only.

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8. Regional Update: Jerry noted there are 500 welcome bags, cups and sunglasses left over and suggested the Non Life Master Regional use these items. There was an increase of 100 rooms booked at Omni above 2015. There were 1405 tables versus the 1278 in 2015. There is an estimated profit of about \$20,000 but not all bills are in and paid yet.
9. Rebecca reported that Bridge Pads ARE available for purchase. Their software is also compatible with the Bridge Mate software. Discussion was held regarding the possible purchase of 12 more Bridge Pads for Boerne. Judy will find out the cost of the Bridge Pads and transponders needed. She will also ask ACBL if they are going to Bridge Mates instead of Bridge Pads.
10. It was noted that the Dealing Machine is currently broken.
11. The next meeting will be held Oct 9,2017 at Fiesta Bridge Club at 3:00 p,.
12. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Beth Gale
Secretary