

Present: Rebecca Brown
Geneva Johnson
Beth Gale
Kathy Sinkin-Amor
Jan Wingate
Lynn Pierson

Jerry Harrington
Ed Rawlinson
Hank Eng

Absent: Debbie Schweiss

Lew Spurlock

Guests: Judy Hoffman
Kim Carpenter
Rosemary Kelley

Laurie Levin

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Rebecca Brown, chair.
2. Jerry made a motion with a second from Kathy and the September 11, 2017 minutes were approved.
3. Geneva passed out the Treasurer's reports.
4. Kathy reported we have 1 new member and many transfers are the "snowbirds". Total membership is 623.
5. NAP'S: There were a total of 23 1/2 tables. Lunch received mixed reviews. Discussion was held regarding who has the responsibility of making the boards. Rosemary felt the Unit should pay Bob Otis as he made 8 sets and normally, he makes 2 sets. Ed made a motion with a second from Jerry to pay whomever makes the boards \$25.00. The motion was withdrawn and Ed made a motion with a second from Geneva to pay \$8.00 per set. Motion carried with Jan and Jerry voting no. To determine future numbers of sets needed and lunches to be ordered, Rosemary suggested pre registration be required with a higher price at the door, if not pre registered.
6. The Holiday Party will be December 9, 2017 at Fiesta Bridge Club. 11:30 food and 12:30 game. Beth volunteered to do the flyer.
7. Geneva stated we can rent the New Braunfels Civic Hall for 5 days next year as the price would be less than for the 4 days of the New Braunfels Sectional. The Unit has paid \$1482.00 for half the rent, so a motion was made by Jerry with a second from Kathy to ratify this rental.
8. Some members had suggested the Unit host the Luau at a different venue due to over crowding. Depending on future turnouts, this is a possibility.
9. At 4:45, the Board had an Executive Session and all guests were asked to vacate the building. The recipient of the Texas Star Award and the two recipients of the Goodwill Award were chosen. Their names will be announced at the Holiday party.
10. STAC games: The areas are Austin, Temple and San Antonio. Austin declined the offer to host, so Rebecca got permission for San Antonio to host. There is an ACBL sanction fee for all clubs. For 0-500 tables, the fee is \$4.50 per table and 501-1000 tables, the fee is \$4.39 per table. The Unit also pays \$8.00 per set for hand records for each session. STAC week is Dec.11-17, 2017.

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11. MISC: Rebecca will contact Tom Marsh regarding his availability for upcoming games and report back. Laurie wants to host a GNT qualifying game at Fiesta. Judy will call ACBL to determine if 2 sessions in a single day need to be played to qualify or if a person could play the 2 sessions on different days.
12. The Board discussed hosting a pair game combined with BAM on February 10, 2018 to see if members would be receptive to this type scoring and if so, we would possibly offer this at the Kerrville sectional. Rebecca will ask Tom Marsh if this would be feasible for Kerrville. Hank offered to send the board members the flyer from Chicago where this scoring was used.
13. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Fiesta Bridge Club.
14. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Beth Gale
Secretary