

Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2018

Present: Rebecca Brown Jerry Harrington Geneva Johnson
Beth Gale Ed Rawlinson Lynn Pierson
Rich Lampman Debbie Schweiss Lew Spurlock

Absent: Hank Eng Kathy Sinkin-Amor

Guests: Laurie Levin Kim Carpenter (30 minutes)

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 by Rebecca Brown, chair.
2. With a motion from Jerry and a second from Lew, the minutes were approved by vote.
3. Geneva handed out treasurer's reports for November and December.
4. Debbie reported 8 new members, 2 transfers in, 2 reinstatements and 1 deceased in our Unit.
5. For those that did not receive her email, Rebecca passed out a report from Steve but the board decided to defer discussion until Steve could be present.
6. Holiday Party: There were 34 tables. Laurie suggested for future large parties, the board hire someone to help serve and clean up.
7. STAC: There is a profit of \$61.75 on the books and 395 1/2 tables participated. 196 in Austin, 107 at Fiesta with Temple, Waco and others making up the difference. Ed feels the dates for the 2018 STAC games should be scheduled 4 to 5 months in advance.
8. GNT's: The board agreed to pay for a director at the Fiesta qualifier on January 31, 2018 providing it makes as there is only 1 pair to date signed up to play, according to Laurie. They will be held in May in Houston. It was noted that life masters cannot play in C category.
9. Winter Sectional: La Joya will be the playing room on Thursday as the Omni double booked. Set up will begin 3 pm on Wednesday. If permitted, we will set up the ballroom after play on Thursday; if not, Friday after the second session. Kathy broke her arm and Debbie graciously agreed to host this tournament. Jerry recommended we hire someone to lift tables into the trailer. Laurie will see if Freddy is available for an hour for \$50.00. Rebecca will announce at the close of Swiss on Sunday that we need help with the tear down of the ballroom.
10. Lew will follow up with Doug Cross regarding the trailer brakes and insurance.
11. Laurie thanked everyone for her Texas Star award. She will probably not be in Houston for the recognition.
12. Kerrville: The board discussed the schedule and Beth will do the flyer. Debbie is Co Chair and Lynn is in charge of Partnership. Carol Ramberg is heading Hospitality with help from Annie Peck.
13. New Business: Ed made a motion with a second from Lew and the board voted to approve a \$500.00 budget to purchase new bridge books or series of books for the Bridge Library. Donated books will be appreciated.
14. Lew will ask better players to explain their play of some of the hands, their thought process, reasoning, and leads. He felt Monday immediately after the game would be a good time for the mini lesson.
15. For the years 2019 through 2021, The Kerrville and Summer Sectionals will be switched so Laurie is not hosting so many tournaments... almost back to back.
16. To encourage more participation at the club from Ed's students, Lew made a motion with a second from Jerry to give three (3) \$4.00 free plays and applicable fees to each student. Motion passes.
17. Debbie passed out a list of questions on a sheet drawn by Bob Steidel for those members in our phone book that do not play, either on an infrequent basis, nor at all. The board agreed to take certain pages to call these non-players. Rebecca will assign page numbers.

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18. Beth suggested we try to educate our members that the board and Fiesta are not the same entity and also to encourage more members to be volunteers to lessen the burden on the board members. She will put together some volunteer sheets.

19. The next meeting will be held at Fiesta Bridge Club February 12, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

20. The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Beth Gale
Secretary
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