

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

November 4, 2019

Present: Jerry Harrington Ed Rawlinson Rich Lampman Karen Fillis
 Jeri Tribo Jeanne Dawley Joe Ramirez Beth Gale
 John Hilbig Jon Tramer

Absent: Roxi Raaf

Guests: Laurie Levine Steve Simpson Judy Hoffman
 Lynn Pierson

Meeting was called to order at 2:55. Lynn Pierson asked to give her reports before the order of business so she could leave.

Lynn reported on the Mentor/Mentee and Pro Am Game. Twenty-two pairs have signed up to play on November 9. Prizes will go to the M/M pairs in addition to MPs earned. Karen, Lynn, and Jerry are co-hosts.

Lynn also reported on the Non-Life Master tournament. She has been getting many calls asking about hotels, so she is worried that Fiesta Bridge Club may be very crowded and will need the second room. Therefore, the Wednesday open pairs game was canceled. Depending on the turn-out, Laurie will let members know if there will be a side game for the other players on the remaining days of the tournament. Nancy Tom will chair the education sessions on Wed, Thurs, and Sat. Scott Humphrey will be the Director, and Judy Hoffman the Assistant Director. Ambassadors and a helper (paid) in the kitchen are needed each day. The Packs are catering the food. Lynn ordered 500 pencil clips and pencils for the event.

Election of Officers:

By acclamation, the following officers were elected.

President – Jerry Harrington

Vice-President – Rich Lampman

Treasurer – Karen Fillis

Secretary – Jeri Tribo

Appointments/Volunteers were designated for the following Board members

District 10 Rep – Rebecca Brown
Education & Supply – Joe Ramirez
Scorecard Columnist – Jon Tramer
I-N Coordinator & Tiered Mentor/Mentee Chair – Roxi Raaf
Webmaster – Steve Simpson
Tournament Coordinator & Sanctions – Ed Rawlinson
Membership & Electronics Chair – Jeanne Dawley
NAP Coordinator – Beth Gale
Caddy Master – John Hilbig
Regional Chair & Co-Chair – Rich Lampman & Jeri Tribo
GNT Coordinator – Rich Lampman
Stac Coordinator – Ed Rawlinson

Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Treasurer, Karen Fillis, reported that the Unit account went down \$1600 last month because we had no revenue. We have a \$20,000 gain in our investments account at Fidelity.

Committee Reports

Membership Chair, Jeanne Dawley, reported that the member count is up to 587 due to transfers-in.

No Education Report

Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 7. Hosts are Karen, Rich, and Beth. Director will be Rosemary Kelly and the Director for the 499er's will be Steve Simpson. The Club provides the coffee and tea, but Laurie will not be here. Laurie suggested that the co-hosts hire helpers to clean the kitchen and rooms.

Ed Rawlinson moved that we hire a helper for the kitchen for \$50 and let the co-hosts pick the person. Jeanne Dawley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recap for Oct 5th single-session game: We had 29 ½ tables, but no 499er game. Extra tables and chairs had to be brought in. The side room had an independent group (ABA) with 4 tables playing, so we couldn't use it. Jeanne Dawley suggested that we have a 499'er game for all Unit games.

Winter Sectional/NAP's – Roxi Tom need to order more flyers. Jerry will contact Roxi.

OLD BUSINESS

Kerrville Tournament: Beth reported that no contract, to date, has been signed. Directors discussed whether we should continue this tournament as Kerrville players have no one to lead it or support it. Our Unit has 6 sectionals, 2 (Kerrville & New Braunfels) more than other Units. If we drop Kerrville, we may lose a sectional. Last year, Beth and Rebecca co-chaired that event. The difficulty is to provide hospitality and the distance to drive from San Antonio to support it. Also, The Inn of the Hills has new management, and the food now is mediocre compared to years past.

Jerry suggested that, if we drop the Kerrville Tournament, we combine a non-life master regional with the sectional in New Braunfels.

Ed moved to cancel the Kerrville Tournament. Jeri seconded. Discussion followed, and motion was defeated.

Beth and Karen are willing to chair the tournament. They would like to continue with this sectional because it provides a different format than our regular club games. Ed suggested that we might recognize the efforts of Kerrville members and split the profits 50/50 if they are willing to help. Discussion followed about the schedule. Laurie reported that Melody Euler recommended that team games be handicapped by A-X above 2000, and BCD less than 2000 versus a Bracketed Swiss.

Rich moved we cancel the Kerrville tournament and combine the New Braunfels Sectional with a Non-Life Master Regional, contingent on Scott Humphrey's approval. Jeri seconded. Motion carried 5 to 4 with 1 abstention.

NEW BUSINESS

Kerrville requests that we give them bridge pads for their games on Monday and Friday. They average 4 tables. It was decided that Boerne Bridge Club could share their bridge pads since they play on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Jerry will talk to Horatio Aldredge.

Ed submitted the Proposed Tournament Schedule for 2023. The schedule was approved as submitted.

Ed submitted the 2020 Unit Game Schedule. The following Schedule was approved:

Feb 22 – GNT Qualifier

April 18 – Pro-Am Pairs

May 9 – Awards Day

June 6 – 2-Session Swiss #1

July 18 – Pair Game

Oct 3 – 2-Session Swiss #2

Nov 14 – Mentor/Mentee Championship & Pro-Am Pairs

Dec 12 – Holiday Party

Starting times for single session will be 11:30 food and 12:30 game

Team starting time will be 10:00

Ed reviewed the current policy for sectional tournaments. In the policy, knockout teams do not make. Also, a combined stratified pairs and board-a-match games are not popular, and Tom Marsh would not direct such a game.

Ed moved that we adopt a new proposed schedule (that eliminates the 2 games above). Karen seconded. Motion carried. The following policy was adopted:

The schedule for sectional tournaments (Unit-hosted or club-hosted) must include the following events:

A. A Single-Session Stratified Swiss teams

B. A Two-Session Swiss Teams Event (may be Stratified, Stratiflighted or Bracketed)

- C. 299er Pair Games or 499er Pair Games must be held each session of Days 1-3 with a 3-table minimum
- D. Remaining events may be pair of team events
- E. The required team events must be scheduled without a competing pair event (except 299er or 499er pair games)

Ed reported that the 2020 schedule for the GNT qualifier is limited to Flights B & C. The qualifier will be 2-sessions game with a separate Flight A team game which is not a qualifier.

Ed reported that Barbara Morgan committed to rental of the New Braunfels Civic Center through 2024. Ed moved that we get a sanction for the 2024 tournament for September 5-8. Jon T. seconded. Motion carried.

Co-hosts were appointed for the Unit games in 2020. Ed also asked for volunteers to review the Unit policies with him before he makes 40 copies for 11 board members. Karen and Rich volunteered.

ACBL's "pianola" (a marketing tool to e-blast info to clubs/units) will start charging for this service in January. Joe Ramirez currently has an account, but Karen suggested that the Unit pay the cost.

Judy Hoffman asked that hosts request a director well in advance of Unit games, not at the last minute.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2019. Jerry will be on a cruise. Therefore, Rich Lampman will chair the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeri Tribo
Secretary