

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES  
December 9, 2019

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

Absent: Jerry Harrington, Roxi Raaf

Guest: Steve Simpson

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Rich Lampman, Vice-President. The minutes for November 4, 2019 were approved.

**Treasurer Karen Fillis' Report**

1. The Unit is up \$12,438.06 for the year
2. The Non-Life Master Tournament lost \$961.83. (See discussion below.)

Discussion followed re. the NLM tournament. Too many lottery tickets were purchased for prizes. Jeanne Dawley moved that we give the \$5 ticket for an overall prize and the \$2 tickets for section tops for the Winter Sectional (not for NAP). John Hilbig seconded. Motion carried. The Board was not in favor of giving lottery tickets as prizes. The Unit will give the lottery tickets as prizes at Sectionals until we've given them all away. Beth Gale moved that there should be **no prizes for Unit games** because players are getting a free entry and free food. Jon Tramer seconded; motion carried.

Board members discussed that the rent for the side room was too high for the NLM Tournament, and they felt that the Unit should request a refund for the extra funds given to Laurie Levine, owner of the Fiesta Bridge Club. When the Unit rents the Fiesta Bridge Club for \$500, it is supposed to be for the entire Club and no side games should be allowed. (In the Board Manual, under "Procedural Guidelines" on p. 4-18, is a copy of the Club Unit Game Contract that specifies the amount the Unit should pay for a Unit Game.) The issue of rent for future Unit games was tabled until the next board meeting in January and will be on the agenda for further discussion.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership Chair, Jeanne Dawley's Report**

The Unit has 2 new members but lost 2 members with 1 transfer and 1 deceased. We have 585 total members.

**Education Chair, Joe Ramirez**

Education will resume next Wednesday after the close of the game with David Mitchell reviewing the hands. The sessions will alternate weeks on a Monday/Wednesday schedule.

## UNIT GAMES

**Mentor-Mentee, Pro-Am-Recap:** There were 21 ½ tables and cost \$2400. Only 6 pairs were Mentor-Mentee partnerships.

**Holiday Party-Recap:** 32 ½ tables, up 3 ½ from last year. The Unit gave 16 free plays.

**GNT & Companion Swiss February 22, 2020:** Jerry Harrington would like the Unit to provide a lunch for both games. Karen Fillis mentioned that it would exceed our hospitality budget. The most economical lunch would be to offer pizza and a salad, which would cost about \$8 per table for the pizza.

## Winter Sectional

No report from the Chair, Roxi Tom, except to say that everything was okay. Jeanne Dawley as Partnership Chair for this Sectional reported that she has had 4 requests for partners, to date.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Kerrville Sectional

Karen Fillis is the Chair and Jerry Harrington is the co-chair. Joe Ramirez moved that the Unit should pay for a room for the Chair, and the Co-chair can stay in the Hospitality Suite (which has a bathroom and bedroom attached), and no-free plays will be authorized for Chair and Co-chair. Jon Tramer seconded. Motion carried.

### Get-well & Sympathy Cards

Carmeline Squires submitted a list of people she sent cards to on behalf of the Unit. Nine get-well cards, 8 sympathy cards, and 1 “thinking of you” card were sent to members.

### Procedures Review

Ed Rawlinson and his committee with Karen Fillis and Rich Lampman met briefly before the meeting to update the By-Laws in the manual. When they finish the Review, Ed will distribute copies of the changes to the Board at the next meeting. Ed questioned whether he should list the San Antonio Bridge Club and the Dominion Women’s Club (under Darla Barger) as Invitational Clubs since they are not listed by the ACBL. The Board suggested they be listed since they award MPs. Another change Ed recommended on p 3-l, #6, is that the club agrees to submit a copy of the proposed schedule to the Board **8 months prior to the tournament instead of 6 months**. Karen will redo the retention of records, modifying it to the IRS requirements, because she did not have any records for past years.

### Pianola

Tournament Chairpersons should submit requests for flyers and notices to Joe Ramirez and specify where they are going. The Treasurer will reimburse him for the ACBL charges. Joe reported that the ACBL has instituted a charge for using Pianola. (Using this tool enables us to identify and send tournament notices, etc., to targeted ACBL member email addresses. Each email address identified

generates the charge. The larger the radius from our location, the more email addresses that will be included in the notification and a higher resulting cost. We should be mindful of the target member population when sending out information for unit games, sectional, and regionals and determine the most relevant radius from our location.)

**499 Games** -- We will offer Unit pair games if there are 3 tables and not leave the decision up to the DIC.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Caddy Fees**

Caddy Chair, John Hilbig, should check with the directors about the number of caddies required for each tournament. Karen Fillis, as the Treasurer, received a survey on the fees that other Units paid their caddies, and the average was \$35 among other Units around the country and a tip jar was provided for the caddies to augment their pay. John Hilbig moved that the Unit pay \$35 and a tip jar for the caddies. Karen Fillis seconded; motion carried.

### **Facebook Coordinator**

No one on the Board wanted to assume that role. Many Board members do not have FB. Jon Tramer moved that we delete the link for FB on the Unit web site. John Hilbig seconded; motion carried.

### **Scorecard Chair, Jon Tramer's Report**

Jon interviewed Hank Eng for the December issue. It was suggested that Jon mention the District 16 Star Award (Rich Lampman) and Goodwill awards (Roxi Raaf and Kathy Sinkin-Amor) in the Scorecard and interview Bill McCarty for a future article.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm. The next meeting will be January 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo  
Secretary