

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
January 13, 2020

Present:

Jerry Harrington	Karen Fillis	Beth Gale
Jeri Tribo	Jeanne Dawley	Ed Rawlinson
Joe Ramirez	Jon Tramer	Roxi Raaf
John Hilbig		

Absent:

Rich Lampman

Guests:

Laurie Levine & Steve Simpson

President, Jerry Harrington, called the meeting to order at 2:55 PM.
The minutes for Dec. 9 were approved as edited.

TREASURER, KAREN FILLIS

1. End of the year books are finished. Sharon Evans, CPA, will review them.
2. 1099's will be sent out with people earning \$600 or more.
3. The Unit had an increase in income of \$11,579.00

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, JEANNE DAWLEY

Jeanne reported that the Unit has 1 new member, 6 transfers-in, 3 reinstated, and 8 inactive for a total of 586 members. Karen Fillis reported that ACBL reimbursed the Unit \$1237.83 for membership, (which is a portion of the dues they receive.)

EDUCATION CHAIR, JOE RAMIREZ

Joe reported that 6-8 people attend the weekly discussion of the hands (by an expert) and are held on alternate Mondays and Wednesday. Ed Rawlinson suggested that the pattern of the sessions be adjusted so as not to be held on the

second Monday which is designated for Board meetings. Karen Fillis suggested that the pattern be first and third Mondays and second and fourth Wednesdays. (There was general agreement to this pattern.)

MENTOR-MENTEE CHAIR, ROXI RAAF

Roxi reported that the Unit has 18 mentors and mentees and 9 tiered pairs, to date. Laurie Levine remarked that the Mentor-Mentee Program is good in attracting new players to her games.

Roxi distributed copies of the Tiered Mentoring Program. The experienced player will submit the TMC card to the Mentor Chair after playing 4 times and will receive 4 free plays. Discussion followed regarding the time period and that it should be limited to 12 times in a calendar year, regardless if they started mid-year. Ed Rawlinson suggested that the Mentee can play a couple times in one month, and Jerry Harrington suggested the number of times in one month be limited to a maximum of 3 times. The Program should not allow an established partnership to participate, which is defined when they play with someone regularly outside of the Tiered Mentoring Program, even if it's only once a month.

UNIT GAMES

A. GNT

Game will be held on February 22, hosted by Rich Lampman, Jon Tramer, and Jeri Tribo at the Fiesta Bridge Club. Rich made a poster and sign-up sheets for the game. Treasurer, Karen Fillis, said that the hospitality budget for the games is \$10/table/session. Keep the lunch for the GNT and companion Swiss to \$5.00/person. Pizza and salad would be the best option/

B. PRO-AM

Game will be on April 19, 1 session, hosted by Karen Fillis and Jerry Harrington. The Pro will have a minimum of 500 MPs. It doesn't matter if they're not a Life Master. The host(s) will decide who will be the director.

TOURNAMENTS:

A. Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional

Will be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel in San Antonio Jan 16-19. The Chair is Roxi Tom. The flyer came out late and doesn't say that it's in San Antonio. It is, however on the ACBL web site. Flyer should be made 6-8 months before the tournament and presented to the Board. Joe Ramirez inventoried the supplies in the trailer and asked when the trailer should be at the hotel. Jerry Harrington arranged with Freddy (the Unit's driver) to be at the hotel Wednesday afternoon. He also suggested that an inventory of supplies should be done Sunday afternoon after the tournament. Karen Fillis will supply a tip jar (for the caddies) on Thursday and Sunday for the team games.

B. Fiesta Spring Sectional

This is Laurie's tournament to be held April 22-25, starting on a Wednesday, rather than a Thursday/

C. Kerrville Sectional

Will be held March 12-15 at the Inn of the Hills. Chaired by Karen Fillis and co-chair Jerry Harrington. Karen has the flyer and a mock-up of the poster. Discussion followed about the lunch and how unhappy players were with the Inn last year. Karen has arranged a lunch menu for this year – ½ of a chicken salad sandwich, salad, tea, and 2 cookies for \$11.80 inclusive (tax & gratuity). The buffet would cost \$18.95/person. Players would have to go to the main dining room to get their food and eat in the Blue Bonnet room. Karen will check with the Inn to see how much more it would cost to have a whole sandwich. The fee for Sunday will be \$130.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Rent for future Unit games

The Unit did not have a contract with Laurie for the 4-day NLM tournament which cost \$3000. Laurie said that she charges \$500/day for the main playing room and \$250/day for the adjacent room, because she loses money if she can't rent it to another group. In the future,

there will be a signed contract (in the Procedure Guidelines) so there will not be any misunderstanding.

B. Procedures Review

The Review was conducted by Ed Rawlinson and Karen Fillis. Ed distributed an updated manual, and he and Karen went over pages 4-1 through 4-18. The purpose of this section is to provide guidelines for Unit policies. Ed had some printer problems, so he will distribute pages 1-5 at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Trailer Brakes

Jerry Harrington reported that the Unit needs to purchase a trailer brake distributor in order to safeguard Freddy's brakes in his truck. He investigated costs on the internet, which would be cheaper than installing a system in Freddy's truck. Jerry will take care of it.

B. Unit Library

Ed Rawlinson asked whether we need a budget for the library to purchase some new books that are being published. To date, \$17.98 has been spent for the library.

C. District Award

Jerry Harrington reported that the Unit can nominate a candidate for the Oswald-Jacoby Award.

The next meeting will be February 10, 2020. Beth Gale will take the minutes since Jeri Tribo will be absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo, Secretary