

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
March 9, 2020

Present:

Jerry Harrington
Jeanne Dawley
Jon Tramer

Karen Fillis
Ed Rawlinson
John Hilbig

Jeri Tribo
Joe Ramirez

Absent:

Rich Lampman

Roxie Raaf

Beth Gale

Guests:

Steve Simpson & Kim Carpenter

Jerry Harrington, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Minutes: Jon Tramer moved to approve the minutes for February 10; Karen Fillis seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fillis commented that we lost \$10,000 in our investment account due to the decline in the stock market. Her full report is filed on-line.

Membership: Jeanne Dawley, Chair, reported that the Unit is up 2 new members, 1 reinstated, 2 transfers-in, and 1 death. The Unit's current membership is 587; last month it was 583.

Education: Joe Ramirez, Chair, reported that there was no session this week since it would have been the day before the Kerrville Tournament.

Mentor-Mentee: Roxi Raaf, Chair, emailed her report. There are 22 mentor/mentee pairs and 10 tiered pairs. There has been a higher

number of Mentor coupons used in February (several with 2 coupons and 1 pair using 5 coupons). The policy is to use no more than 3 coupons per month. Discussion of the policy followed and whether to change it to 2 coupons per month. Jerry tabled the decision to March when Roxi would be present.

UNIT GAMES

GNT & COMPANION SWISS: The Unit hosted 22 tables—14 in the GNT and 18 in the Companion Swiss. The Unit spent \$1271 and was up 1 table from last year.

PRO-AM PAIRS: The Unit will host this event on April 18. Joe Ramirez and Roxi Raaf sent out an email via pianola of February 27 to all Unit 172 members under 50I MPs, announcing the date and time and an explanation of what a ProAm game is. They noted that there would be a sign-up list soon at the Fiesta Bridge Club of the Pros available for those Ams who need a partner. Joe mentioned that, to date, the ACBL is not charging the Unit for this service.

Jerry Harrington will be the Chair and Karen Fillis the Partnership chair for this event.

TOURNAMENTS: Kerrville Sectional March 12-15

Karen Fillis is the Chair, and Jerry Harrington, the Co-Chair. Games at Fiesta and New Braunfels are holding games during some days of the tournament. Also, there is concern that there may be a low turn-out due to the Virus. Several people have called to see if the tournament had been canceled, but they were assured that the tournament is still on. A bracketed Swiss is scheduled for Sunday to attract more players. Jerry mentioned that Freddie will not have the new braking system by the tournament, but he will have the tires checked with the

understanding that the Unit will reimburse him if they need to be replaced.

JO GRABOW SECTIONAL: Scheduled for June 11-14. Ed Rawlinson worked up a proposal for **naming an event** for 1 year after the honoree's death. Jeanne Dawley moved we accept Ed's proposal. Joe Ramirez seconded. Motion carried.

NON-LIFE MASTER REGIONAL & WINTER SECTIONAL: Ed Rawlinson reported that the Drury Hotel substantially raised their rent for any future tournaments. He did not think they would budge on their rates.

FIESTA FOLLOW-ON LEASE DISCUSSION: Ed Rawlinson presented a survey conducted in 2015 on compensation for 8 commercial Clubs in District 16 (with more than 4 games/week) closing during a tournament. In summary, they don't require closure, but strongly suggest it. Only 2 Clubs pay a subsidy based on the number of tables lost if club closes; San Antonio pays Fiesta Bridge Club \$1000 for Regional. Fiesta Bridge Club, as the only commercial club in town, now gets 4 sectionals and makes \$10,000/year from club-hosted sectionals. Discussion and decision tabled till next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SCORECARD: Deadlines 4/1 for Ads, 4/6 for Columns. Jon Tramer, Unit Columnist, interviewed Herb Keyser for his column. Board members commented that the article was well-done.

NEW DIRECTORY: General agreement was that it was too soon to do another one.

CLUB LIBRARY: Ed Rawlinson purchased 12 new books—8 from Barclays and 4 from Amazon for \$212. Ed has a box of books to give

away, and he was asked to bring them to Kerrville to give-away. Joe Ramirez suggested we designate one shelf for new editions. The Unit microphone has been stored in Ed's home, and it will now be stored in the trailer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 13, at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo
Secretary