

BOARD OF DIRECTOR' MEETING

October 19, 2021

Present: Jerry Harrington, Karen Fillis, Jeanne Dawley, Ed Rawlinson, John Hilbig, Roxi Raaf, Lisa Talcott, and Jeri Tribo

Present by facetime: Rosemary Kelley and Jon Tramer

Absent: Joe Ramirez

Guests: Laurie Levine, Steve Simpson, and Rich Lampman

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Jerry Harrington, President. Jerry thanked out-going board members—Rich Lampman, Beth Gale, and Ed Rawlinson—for their service to the Unit. Also, Jerry welcomed newly elected Board members—Ed Rawlinson, Rosemary Kelley, and Lisa Talcott.

Karen Fillis moved to approve the September minutes; Jeanne Dawley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karen Fillis reported that there was no treasurer's report since there was no significant activity and will combine 2 months in her next report.

Membership Chairman, Jeanne Dawley, reported that 4 members went inactive. The Unit currently has 549 members.

Education: Laurie Levine reported that the zoom meeting for discussion of hands didn't work out. She and Larry want to turn it back to Education Chair, Joe Ramirez to resume the Zoom meetings.

Mentor-Mentee Chair, Roxi Raaf, reported that there are 16 pairs in the program, 9 are active, but only 3 pairs are playing in the on-line games. She has 11 people on her ambassador list who are at different levels. If she can't find someone to play with them, she will refer them to the partnership desk in the virtual game at the Fiesta Mid-Tex Alliance.

Regional Chair for 2021, Rich Lampman, reported on his and Jerry Harrington's meeting with the Event Planner, Tanya Cuellar, at the Omni Hotel. Covid requirements, to date, will allow 75% occupancy in the 2 ballrooms. Tables must be 6 feet apart, and masks will be required. The Hotel will provide hand sanitizer

stations, and water will be hand-served by Omni staff to players. Room safety measures will be posted in the rooms. The Omni is willing to work with the Unit, and do not expect to charge a penalty fee for cancelation due to the Covid quarantine. Rich and Jeri Tribo (co-chair) will meet with the Omni 60 days prior to the tournament, assuming there will be a Regional in 2021. Rich announced that he will have a Regional meeting with his committee after the Board meeting on November 9. The S.A. Regional is scheduled for June 29-July 5, 2021.

The Scorecard/Winning Finesse will not be published until further notice.

Fiesta follow-up lease discussion: Laurie Levine reported that her lease is up at the end of the year. The owner still wants to sell the property and will give Fiesta a month-to-month rental agreement. If the property is sold, then Laurie will have 30 days to vacate the building.

The D-16 Rep, Ed Rawlinson was elected by the Board. Jerry Harrington informed the other candidate.

On-Line Games: Sue Ohm and Steve Simpson are running the virtual games for Fiesta and doing a great job.

Investment: Jerry Harrington reported that he sold all the individual stocks and divided the proceeds (60-40%) into 2 Fidelity mutual funds (Fidelity Blue Chip Fund and Fidelity Puritan Fund), per the Board's direction. Karen Fillis reported that she might have to sell something if the Omni wants a deposit for the Regional as they have done in the past.

Unit Star and Goodwill Awards: The Board selected the individuals for these awards, which will be announced at a later date when we have a tournament.

Membership Initiatives: Board members called players who have not been playing in the virtual games to encourage them to play and offer help to get on BBO. The response was not good. We probably have all the players who are going to play.

Election of Officers on the Board:

President – Jerry Harrington

Vice-President – Rosemary Kelley

Treasurer – Karen Fillis

Secretary – Jeri Tribo

Motion: Due to the Covid quarantine in 2020, Jeanne Dawley moved that the Horton-Gray and Paul Lewis Awards from 2020 and 2021 be combined when we have a tournament. Karen Fillis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo

Secretary