

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

November 9, 2020

Present: Jerry Harrington, Karen Fillis, Jeanne Dawley, Ed Rawlinson, John Hilbig, Roxi Raaf, Lisa Talcott, Rosemary Kelley, Joe Ramirez, Jeri Tribo

Present by Facetime: Jon Tramer

Guests: Laurie Levine, Steve Simpson, Rich Lampman

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Jerry Harrington, President.

Karen Fillis moved to approve the minutes for October 19, 2020. Jeanne Dawley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fillis emailed her report to board members, which will be posted on the Unit's web site. She commented that our investment account lost \$5,000 but expected to regain some of the loss with the stock market going up today. With so little activity, Karen said that she would combine the next 2 months in one report.

Membership: Jeanne Dawley reported that we lost some members, and the total membership to date is 544.

Education: Joe Ramirez said that not much has been going on, and he was contacted by the District Education Chair to see what our Unit is doing. Laurie and Larry Levine were going to do a zoom meeting to discuss the hands, but they were unable to connect with Zoom. Discussion followed about the difficulties with Zoom. Rosemary suggested that we could try "House Party" which was easy to access with an app. However, "House Party" apparently limits the number of people to 10 who can attend. Therefore, Steve Simpson said that he would put a link on for Zoom. Joe will send out an e-mail blast to let players know when they will have the zoom meeting for the discussion of hands. Players will need 2 devices—their cell phone and a computer. Whoever sets up the meeting will get a password. Rosemary Kelley volunteered to be the first expert to host a discussion.

Mentor-Mentee Program: Roxi Raaf reported that there was no change from last month with 9 inactive members, but only 3 playing on-line. Rosemary Kelley

suggested that the inactive members be contacted and said that she would be willing to play with them and be on the Ambassador list. Rosemary also said that the purpose of the M/M program was to help players be comfortable playing bridge, not to teach them. To increase interest, Roxi suggested that we extend the time for mentoring another year and raise the eligibility to be a mentee after 100.

Rosemary Kelley moved that we extend the current M/M another year and move the eligibility to be a mentee to 200 MPs. Ed Rawlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Ramirez would like to add one more person who can use pianola to send out email blasts and suggested Roxi Raaf be the second person. Jerry Harrington as president will contact ACBL for permission to add another person.

Unit Games: We are unable to have them due to the Corona virus quarantine. Rosemary Kelly asked why we couldn't have them on BBO. Steve Simpson said it would be problematic, and we couldn't keep non-members of the Unit out since we're in the Mid-TX Alliance.

Regional: Rich Lampman as the Chair for 2021 updated the Board on what he is doing. He called Tom Marsh, projected DIC, to inquire about the likelihood of having the tournament. The rumor mill is that all tournaments will be canceled through June. Discussion followed about the entry fee.

Ed Rawlinson moved that we keep the entry fee at \$13.00. Jeanne Dawley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion followed about the schedule. The bracketed Swiss events are more popular and will replace the KO's. Rich asked about the Mini-Soloway that Houston had on their schedule. It was decided that our tournament is too small. Ed Rawlinson moved that we do not have the Mini-Soloway. Karen Fillis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ed Rawlinson mentioned that according to Procedural Guidelines 4-3, the Regional budget and schedule must be approved by the Board and will be

presented later. Rich scheduled his first regional committee meeting after the Board meeting.

New Business:

Karen Fillis moved that we cancel the December board meeting. Rosemary Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be January 11, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo,
Secretary