

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

January 11, 2021

Present: Jerry Harrington, Karen Fillis, Jeanne Dawley, Ed Rawlinson, John Hilbig, Rosemary Kelley, & Jeri Tribo

Present by Facetime: Joe Ramirez & Roxi Raaf

Absent: Jon Tramer & Lisa Talcott

Guests: Rich Lampman, Laurie Levine, & Steve Simpson

The Meeting was called to order at 2:15 by Jerry Harrington, President. Rosemary Kelley moved to approve the minutes from November 9, 2020; Jeanne Dawley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fillis emailed her report to the board. She commented that there was no activity, but our investments are back to where we started.

Membership: Jeanne Dawley emailed her reports to the board. She commented that there were no new members, and some people went inactive.

Education: Rosemary Kelley (Vice-President) reported that she had a zoom meeting on November 11, 2020 after the game. Fifteen people attended. She will give a lecture for D-16 in February on a Saturday. Karen & George Fillis commented that they did the second zoom meeting, but only 1 person attended. There were some problems with people logging in. Discussion followed about ways to communicate the I.D. number and simplify the process. Karen Fillis (Treasurer) volunteered to set up a zoom account. The meetings will be held once a week on Wednesdays after the game. Joe Ramirez (Education Chairman) will send out an email blast on pianola to membership. The first zoom lecture for Unit 172 will be on January 20 after Laurie's game to discuss the hands that day.

Mentor/Mentee Program: Chairman Roxi Raaf suggested that requirements for mentees that are new to the Mentor/Mentee program in 2021 should have fewer than 200 MPs and have been in the program fewer than 2 years. Roxi commented that she will relate this to possible new mentees when she sends out recruitment emails. Jerry Harrington moved that we adopt this policy due to the pandemic. Rosemary Kelley seconded the motion; motion carried.

Regional: Chairman Rich Lampman reported on a meeting that he and Jeri Tribo (Assistant Chair) had with the Event Coordinator (Tania Cuellar) at the Omni where the tournament will be held.

To summarize, the main point of discussion at the meeting was on the limitations placed on the playing site to comply with Covid 19 restrictions on its use. At the current time, the ballrooms are limited to 50% capacity based upon hospitalizations in the San Antonio metropolitan area. When hospitalizations decrease to less than 15% of hospital beds over a 7-day period, the ballroom usage will return to 75%.

If our Regional can be held with total compliance with Covid 19 precautions, the Omni will allow us to hold the tournament. Due to the uncertainty of attendance the Omni will waive any room-night requirements in our contract without penalty. However, if ACBL says we cannot hold the Regional, but the local government will allow it, then the penalty clause will be exercised. At 50% capacity, we can have 98 tables in the ballroom and 33 tables in the La Hoya ballroom. Tables would be 6 feet apart, measuring from the back of the chairs.

Jerry Harrington reported that awards will be given out at our Regional and D-16 wants to have a special breakfast to present them. The awards include the Jacoby, Goodwill, and Texas Stars.

Fiesta Follow-on Lease Discussion: Laurie Levine reported that she is on a month-to-month lease. Owner will give her a month's notice if/when the property is sold and she has to vacate the premises. To reopen face to face play at the Club, she needs the attendance to be back to the level before the quarantine to meet her expenses.

On-line Games: To encourage participation, Jeanne Dawley (Membership) reported that she sent out welcome letters, offering 3 free plays for new players. Only 1 person used it.

Winning Finesse: Ed Rawlinson questioned whether he should send a new publication out. It was generally felt that we should keep our membership informed. Ed will send out a new edition.

New Business:

1. Laurie Levine asked if she could have the dates (April 29-May 2) for a Sectional (originally given to the Kerrville tournament which was canceled). Ed Rawlinson will check into it to see if there are any competing tournaments. Laurie mentioned that Houston just scheduled a competing tournament with hers, June 10-13.
2. Adopt new calendar – Jerry Harrington said that we could not adopt one yet.
3. Appoint Auditor – Karen Fillis reported that she is going to ask Sharon Evans to audit the books again for 2020.

The next meeting will be on February 8 at 2:00 at Fiesta Bridge Club. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo,
Unit Secretary