

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

February 8, 2021

Present: Jerry Harrington, Rosemary Kelley, Karen Fillis, Jeri Tribo, Ed Rawlinson, Jeanne Dawley, John Hilbig, Jon Tramer, and Lisa Talcott

Absent: Joe Ramirez & Roxi Raaf

Guests: Laurie Levine, Steve Simpson, & Rich Lampman

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 by Jerry Harrington, President. Jon Tramer moved to approve the minutes from January 11, 2021 and seconded by Jeanne Dawley. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fillis emailed her report to the board, and it is posted on the Unit web site. She announced that Sharon Evans would do the year's review. Karen also said that she would combine 2 months in her subsequent reports since there is not substantial activity during the Covid pandemic.

Membership: Jeanne Dawley reported that nothing has changed and that we have no new members. She also commented that Ed Rawlinson is a new Platinum member in the Unit.

Education: Joe Ramirez was absent, but the Wednesday lectures on Zoom are continuing. Some have been well attended, and some have not had anyone attend. Players must download the Zoom app on their phones before they can join the meeting with the host number and password.

Membership: Roxi Raaf was absent, but she sent an email to the Board and reported the following.

- 1) M/M recruitment emails went out during the first 2 weeks of January.
- 2) Current M/M enrollment is 7 pairs.
- 3) Participants were notified that the Unit is reimbursing Mentors quarterly. The first reimbursement will be at the end of March/first of April.
- 4) If anyone is interested in participating in the M/M program, contact Roxi.

Regional: Rich Lampman, Chair for 2021, reported that he posted the Flyer on the ACBL web site and Unit web site. He also contacted the Bridge Bulletin for an Ad and showed us the samples of Koozie's we will give as hospitality gifts with the

Unit logo stamped on it, in addition to the Alamo sticker for convention cards. (Steve Simpson commented that we should know how long the moratorium will last by March 1<sup>st</sup>.)

## Old Business

Winning Finesse: Ed Rawlinson has written it and will give it to Steve to post.

Fiesta Bridge Club: Laurie Levine asked if we could have an in-person Unit game on a Saturday and have it sanctioned. Ed Rawlinson said that he would see if we could get a sanction. Players may have to reserve a seat in order to keep the occupancy at 50%, as is currently mandated by the COVID restrictions. Rosemary Kelley volunteered to plan and direct a game on May 1, 2021 if we have one. Laurie said that she would not charge for the game, and people would not be able to have food in the Club, nor bring their own. Laurie would also like to have her Sectional in May rather than June since it is so close to the Regional.

Membership Initiatives: Jerry Harrington mentioned that there is a program to "Learn Bridge in a Day," but he has not heard anything more about it from District 16. (Note: BIAD is a quick-start bridge class that includes interactive instruction and play. A new class is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2021; 2:00-4:00 PM. Register at <https://www.bridgewithpatty.com/district-16/> or call Sandy Potts at 512-258-1882 or 512-258-1882.)

## New Business

Ed Rawlinson reported on the District 16 meeting as follows.

- 1) The dates for the in-person charity games were changed to August.
- 2) In the planning stage is a monthly seminar for beginners. There already is one for the intermediate level.
- 3) The GNT is postponed to April 9-11 with 4 flights and a \$5 entry fee per session. It will be open to anyone. Players do not have to qualify to play.
- 4) The NAP for 2020-2021 will be held digitally, but the final guidelines have not been published.
- 5) A Club in Florida is running games on-line for 0-99 which are very popular. District 16 Clubs are invited to participate at the owner's option. The

games are 7 days/week at 5:00 PM with a \$6.00 entry fee, of which \$3.00 would go back to the Club owner. Each player is assigned to a specific Club.

The next meeting will be on March 8, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo  
Secretary