

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

March 8, 2021

Present: Jerry Harrington, Rosemary Kelley, Jeri Tribo, Ed Rawlinson, John Hilbig, Jon Tramer, Joe Ramirez, Roxi Raaf

Absent: Karen Fillis, Jeanne Dawley, Lisa Talcott

Guests: Laurie Levine, Steve Simpson, Jo Neesvig

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 by Jerry Harrington. Jon Tramer moved to approve the minutes from February 8, 2021; Roxi Raaf seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fillis filed the tax return and sent her report to the Board members.

Membership: Jeanne Dawley sent her report to board members. The Unit lost more members. Larry Gibson passed away.

Education: Joe Ramirez reported that we are still doing the weekly lectures on Wednesdays.

Mentor/Mentee: Roxi Raaf reported that there has been no change. We have the same 7 active mentees. Mentors are reimbursed quarterly.

Tournaments: Jerry Harrington reported on a conversation he had with Tania, the Event Planner at the Omni. Tania said the Omni now has new management and can not tell us what penalties will be charged since we canceled. Jerry also talked to ACBL who informed him that it was not their policy to reimburse Units for any penalties that may be incurred with the cancelation (even though ACBL would not allow us to have the 4th of July Regional but Texas would). Jerry also talked to several lawyers for guidance. Discussion followed. The Omni does not have any other dates we can substitute the July tournament for except in December (December 19-24 or December 20-26).

Laurie's Sectional will still be held August 19-21. The New Braunfels tournament will be held September 9-12.

OLD BUSINESS

Scorecard/Winning Finesse: Ed Rawlinson reported that the Scorecard went to the printer last week.

Fiesta Follow-on Lease Discussion: Laurie Levine reported that the shopping center was not on the market yet, so Laurie is renting the Fiesta Bridge Club on a month-to-month basis. Laurie would like us to send out a questionnaire on how many people would come to the Club for a face-to-face game. She would need 75-80% of players to meet her expenses. It was decided that the questionnaire should be sent out in a couple months (May), targeting the regular players.

Membership Initiatives: Ed Rawlinson questioned whether we could get information on the group that has 0-20 MPs. ACBL won't give us an accounting.

Laurie mentioned that we're getting people from out of the area to play in our games. We're only allowed 20% out of the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar: Rosemary Kelley and Karen Fillis will host the May 1st Unit game. Rosemary mentioned that we need to have a sign-up list due to Covid restrictions. We could have 19 tables. The game will start at 12:30. No food will be allowed at the tables or in the Club, and straws will be used for the drinks.

The Kerrville tournament is still on the calendar for 2022. It was mentioned that Carol Ramburg might chair that event since she is the new manager for the Kerrville games when they resume, and she is so good at hospitality.

Scott Humphrey does not support a Non-Life Master tournament at either the Kerrville or New Braunfels events.

The annual accounting review was completed by Sharon Evans and submitted to Jerry Harrington as president of the Board. Karen Fillis has a copy on file with the Treasurer's reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50. The next meeting will be April 12, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Jeri Tribo, Secretary

