

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 14, 2021

Present: Jerry Harrington, Rosemary Kelley, Jeri Tribo, Joe Ramirez, Ed Rawlinson, John Hilbig, Jeanne Dawley, Jon Tramer, Everette Lewis

Absent: Karen Fillis, Lisa Talcott, Roxi Raaf

Guests: Laurie Levine, Steve Simpson, Rich Lampman

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Jerry Harrington, President. Joe Ramirez moved to approve the May minutes; Jeanne Dawley seconded. Motion carried. Everette Lewis was welcomed to the Board. He is taking Lisa Talcott's place since she resigned before her term was completed.

Treasurer: Karen Fillis sent her report by email for April and May, which is posted on the Unit web site.

Membership: Jeanne Dawley reported that we have 502 members. Most of the decline is due to non-life masters leaving.

Education: Joe Ramirez reported that there has not been much change. Attendance is low. Joe further said that we still have 502 credits with Pianola, but Roxi Raaf asked that we buy more credits for emails and publicity for elections, Sectionals, Regional, and Unit games. However, Ed Rawlinson will mail out the "Winning Finesse" by U.S. Mail before and after the Unit election.

Mentor-Mentee: Chairman Roxi Raaf sent her report to the board by email. We still have 7 active pairs in the program. Roxi does not plan to come to any more Board meetings, but is willing to keep up with M/M plays through September when her term would end. She emailed all the Mentees so they are aware of the number of plays they have left for the year. She will contact her replacement with details of the position.

Regional: Rich Lampman reported that the flyer is posted on the Unit Web site and ACBL Web site. He showed the Board a picture of the button he will order for members to wear to publicize the Regional. BBO will charge \$75 per month to advertise our Regional, and the Unit will send out an email blast to all members in D16. ACBL will periodically review the COVID restrictions at 100, 60, and 30 day intervals. To date, ACBL will require players to wear masks. Rich and Jeri Tribo went to a meeting with Tanya, the Omni Event Coordinator, to discuss the food. In the Unit contract we are required to spend \$5000 for hospitality. Therefore, we will not offer "hospitality bucks" as we have in the past since they won't count for the banquet obligation. Breakfast tacos will be offered at 9:00 am before the

tournament begins, and other snacks will be provided during the afternoon games. Tanya will compute the average we spent in past tournament and subtract 25% from the total, assuming we will have a low turn-out. It will help us to determine a line-item in our budget.

Sectionals:

- 1) Fiesta – Jim Gorman Sectional Aug 18-21
- 2) Drury Plaza Hotel January 13-16, 2022
- 3) New Braunfels September 9-12, flyer posted on Unit web site, looking for help
- 4) Kerrville April 21-24,2022. Karen Fillis and Rosemary Kelley will host.

Unit Games: Will be held every month

- 1) Recap of June Unit game – no cost computed yet
- 2) July 17, 2021 game – John Hilbig will be the host, looking for a director
- 3) August 7, 2021 – Everette will direct, Laurie and Joe will host

Old Business:

- 1) Update on Fiesta lease—Laurie has a lease till the end of the year, then she will go on a month-to-month,
- 2) On-line face to face games—Laurie will be opening Fiesta on Wednesdays, in addition to Mondays and Fridays.
- 3) Election progress—We will have 6 openings on the Board. At the Luau in August, we will be taking nominations from the floor at the business meeting.
- 4) Trailer Issues—The roof leaks. New cards had to be ordered because the cards got wet.

New Business:

- 1) The “Scorecard” is not being published yet. Ed Rawlinson, though, will send out the “Winning Finesse” before and after the election.
- 2) Discussion followed about everyone wearing nametags and whether we should order them for those who want one.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo
Secretary