

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

September 13, 2021

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

**Absent:** Roxi Raaf

**Guests:** Laurie Levine, Steve Simpson, Rich Lampman, Tom Trudeau

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 by Jerry Harrington, Unit President

**Minutes:** Karen Fillis moved to approve the minutes from August 2, 2021. Jeanne Dawley seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Fillis reported that she transferred \$6,000 out of Fidelity to BBVA. Her report is posted on the Unit web site.

**Digital Scorecard:** Tom Trudeau, District 16 Treasurer, reported that there has been a lot of discussion about converting to a digital scorecard in lieu of a printed copy. Several Units have held out for the printed version but it has been the Unit's choice. Tom said that the cost of printing and postage is rising. Therefore, District 16 is asking the Units to opt for a digital copy. There will be a link on the District 16 website to access the Scorecard. Karen Fillis suggested that the cost of announcements be reduced with a digital Scorecard. Tom said that the District 16 board members are looking into it. Everette Lewis moved that Unit 172 adopt the digital Scorecard. Ed Rawlinson seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Membership:** Chairman, Jeanne Dawley, reported that we have 497 members. She also said that Carol Ramberg is not going to reopen the Boerne Bridge Club or the Kerrville Club personally. Carol paid the sanctions through the end of the year. If anyone wants to take charge as the Manager/Director, the positions are open.

**Education:** Chairman, Joe Ramirez, reported that they had one lecture on-line this month, which was not well attended. He said we could go back to hosting alternate sessions at Fiesta Bridge Club on Mondays and Wednesdays besides on BBO.

**Mentor-Mentee Report:** Chairman, Roxi Raaf, emailed a report to the board and reported that there have been no additional pairs added since the last meeting. The total remains at 9 pairs. Mentor-Mentee pairs can play on BBO and at Fiesta or New Braunfels.

**Regional:** Chairman, Rich Lampman, reported that the Omni was sold to Prism Corporation. The name of the hotel is now called the San Antonio Colonnade. This has affected the printing of the flyer and Ads that already have been published. The link to the hotel is no longer operational. When people want to make a room reservation, they must contact the Event Coordinator, Tania Cuellar, by email: [tania.cuellar@prismhotels.com](mailto:tania.cuellar@prismhotels.com). Rich further reported that we should know whether ACBL will cancel the regional due to the rise in the Covid percentage, in which case Unit 172 will have to pay a \$60,000 penalty.

**Election Sectional:** The host is Laurie and Fiesta Bridge Club. Because of the increase in Covid vulnerability in San Antonio, the sectional has been downgraded, which means that we will use local directors and the MPs will be lower. Laurie planned to have a 3-day tournament and all pair games. However, the Board encouraged Laurie to reconsider and have a team game on Sunday. Everette Lewis volunteered to direct the team game, bracketed or stratified depending upon the attendance. David Mitchell will have a photo display board with the 9 candidates and will count the votes Saturday afternoon. Laurie said that she would give sponsors and board members a \$1.00 discount on each game.

**Kerrville Tournament:** Karen Fillis has been negotiating a contract for a sectional April 21-24, 2022. The hospitality room will be by the pool near the playing area. The hotel will not provide a person to stay in the hospitality room. Everette Lewis said he would ask his niece Rachel if she would be willing to work the room for \$50 per day. The hotel will comp one room for every 100 room nights they get. The cost of the facility will depend upon the number of room nights booked. The more room nights booked, the lower the cost for the facility.

**Lease Update:** Laurie Levine said the property has been sold. Fiesta Bridge Club is now being leased on a month-to-month basis. She will be given a notice of 30 days to move if the owners find someone else to lease the property. Discussion followed about properties to rent, but the cost is much higher than what Laurie has been paying, which she cannot afford with the current attendance as it is.

**2022 Awards:** Jerry Harrington asked the Board members to be thinking of people who should be nominated for the Star, Goodwill, and National Goodwill Awards.

**Scorecard Coordinator:** Jon Tramer will try to send information to the District Facebook page.

**NAPS Coordinator:** Discussion followed about this position. Beth Gale had been in this position, but she is no longer on the Board.

**Punch Cards:** They will not be renewed. Instead, the Unit will reimburse the Clubs \$1.00 for each person playing in special games.

**Westside Bridge Pads:** Karen Fillis moved that we pay for the 10 bridge pads that Laurie ordered for Fiesta since the Unit paid for the bridge pads for Kerrville, Boerne, and New Braunfels. Everette Lewis seconded the motion; motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo  
Secretary