

**SAN ANTONIO BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 172**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
October 23, 2023

**Present:** Jerry Harrington, Karen Fillis, Sharon Evans, David Mitchell, Ed Rawlinson, Roxie Tom, Jo Neesvig, Ellen Hessel. Susan Hernandez arrived one hour into the meeting. Nancy Tom was on speaker phone during the meeting.

**Absent:** Everette Lewis

**Guests:** John Hilbig (Membership Chair), Laurie Levin, Steve Simpson and George Fillis

Welcome to Ellen Hessel as a new member of the board and appreciation to Rosemary Kelley for her dedicated service to Unit 172.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Karen to approve the minutes, seconded by David.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was accepted. As of September 30, we had \$87,103 in cash and investments.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: 3 new members, 2 transfer out, total membership 443.

Education: Laurie started new classes at the JCC and had 20 new students, some not yet members of ACBL.

Mentor/Mentee: Playing in mentor/mentee games has dropped off. Only 3 games in September and 1 so far in October. Susan has reviewed the mentor/mentee program with Barbara Morgan for the New Braunfels club and asked if we could change the requirements because they don't have many beginner players. It was decided that the requirements needed to be the same for all clubs.

**Unit Games:**

November 18 Pro-Am: Sharon and Roxie will co-chair with David, replacing Rosemary Kelley. We will not be serving hot dogs. Larry Levin will be directing. A unit free play will be given to the highest scoring Mentor/Mentee players. There should be a sign-up sheet at the clubs for over 1000 points looking for partners and under 1000 points looking for partners, also a column for confirmed partnerships.

**Tournaments:**

Diane Olson Election Sectional: We have not received payment from ACBL. Karen contacted Scott and ACBL to find out why but there has been no response. Usually, it's because there was a mistake by the director in the financial report. We should be getting a check for about \$5200, and our profit will be about \$1000. We only had 129.5 tables, down from 158.5. There were only 14 tables for the Saturday Swiss. Ellen suggested we might have better results if we had a stratified Swiss, rather than bracketed. There was some discussion about stratified vs. bracketed.

Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional: A motion was made by Karen to change the Sunday Swiss from bracketed to stratified, seconded by Ellen. Motion carried. John Hilbig suggested we consider food trucks for the lunch break, since there aren't many restaurants close by the venue. Sharon will contact the Shrine Auditorium to see if that would be allowed. There was also discussion about the stratifications but there will be no change at this time.

**Old Business:**

2025 Regional Venue Committee: Committee is Sharon, Roxie and Everette. Sharon is contacting venues such as Drury, Marriott Northwest and Doubletree by Hilton. Jerry will contact Larry David in Austin to get a copy of their letter requesting bids and parameters, to be used in obtaining comparable bids.

District 16 phone call initiative: Jerry requested that those board members who made phone calls to players who have not been playing, please report the responses received from the phone calls. Jerry will send a spreadsheet to the board members (and John Hilbig) so they can complete the response section and send to Jerry.

Directory: In progress.

Free-play cards: Good response so far. October 31 is the last day to receive a new card and November 30 is the last day to complete a card.

**New Business:**

District 16 Star Awards: Winner was selected and will be announced at the Lone Star Regional in January..

Goodwill Awards: Winners were selected and will be announced at Awards Day in February..

Resignation: Jerry Harrington resigned from the Unit 172 Board to accept the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President on the District 16 Board. His service to the Unit 172 Board has been greatly appreciated.

Replacement: Rebecca Evans was voted to replace Jerry on the Board. David Mitchell will contact Rebecca and see if she is willing to serve.

Regional Chairman: Before his resignation, Jerry appointed Rosemary Kelley as chairperson for the 2025 Regional. Beth Gale has agreed to be the co-chair.

Election of Officers: President – Nancy Tom; Vice-President – Roxana Tom; Secretary – Karen Fillis; Treasurer – Sharon Evans.

**RESOLUTION**: The Board of Directors of San Antonio Bridge League Unit 172 approved the following change in signatories on the bank accounts at Broadway National Bank and Fidelity Investments: President – Nancy Tom; Treasurer – Sharon Evans; Secretary – Karen Fillis. Jerrold Harrington will be removed from the accounts at Broadway and Fidelity.

Scorecard Articles: Carolyn and Terry Riley submitted the Scorecard article for the November/December issue. Ellen agreed to write the articles for the Scorecard in the future and

asked the Board members to submit any interesting information about players and events that might be submitted to the Scorecard.

Security at Agudas: Fiesta Bridge Club requested reimbursement for \$105 additional security requirements at Agudas Achim. The Board approved the reimbursement.

In the interest of fairness, the Board also voted to reimburse the New Braunfels Bridge Club for \$30 per game, effective immediately, and \$100 for each game they are required to close during Sectionals and Regionals.

Review of Flyers: Covid requirements will be removed from all future flyers. Larry Levin will be directing the November Pro-Am. He will also be asked to direct the December Holiday party. Ed Rawlinson will be the sign-up contact for side dishes instead of Rosemary Kelley. Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional Sunday Swiss will be Stratified, not Bracketed.

2024 Unit Game Schedule: There will be 8 unit games – 6 pair games and 2 team games. The Luau in August will be a 2-session pairs game, but players can choose to play one session. There will be one overall winner in each bracket for the day. Ed will email a proposed schedule to Board members for comment and consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. Next meeting is November 13, 2023 at 2:45 pm at the home of Karen Fillis, 123 Warbler Way, Shavano Park, TX.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fillis, Secretary

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

David/Roxie/Sharon: Sign-up sheet for Nov 18 Pro/Am at Fiesta and New Braunfels

David: Notify Rebecca Evans of election to Board.

Jerry: Copy of letter from Larry David for Regional hotel bids.

Jerry: Send D16 survey regarding non-playing members to all board members.

All Board Members: Complete response to phone calls to non-playing members and return to Jerry.

Karen: Notify New Braunfels of reimbursements approved.

Nancy: Update flyers

Nancy/Sharon/Karen: Change signature cards at Broadway Bank and Fidelity