

SAN ANTONIO BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 172
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

January 8, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:39 pm by Roxana Tom. **Present:** Roxana Tom, Sharon Evans, Karen Fillis, Ed Rawlinson, David Mitchell, Jo Neesvig, Ellen Hessel, Susan Hernandez, Rebecca Evans, Everette Lewis. **Present by conference call:** Nancy Tom; and for discussion of Regional venue only, Rosemary Kelley. **Guests:** Laurie Levin, Steve Simpson, John Hilbig.

Minutes: Everette Lewis moved to approve the minutes from December 11, 2023, Sharon Evans seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Evans prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report for December. Total Assets are \$87,089.25.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 2 new member, 2 transfers in and 0 transfer out. Total membership 450.

Education: Laurie Levin finished her beginner and intermediate classes at the Jewish Community Center. New intermediate class starts this month and beginner classes in May. She suggested her students study Audrey Grant until the next lessons begin. She has a few names to contact for the beginner classes.

Mentor/Mentee: Currently have 13 Mentor/Mentee pairs and 10 Tiered mentoring pairs. There are a few pairs needing to finish their 2023 games. A mentor may have more than one mentee, but a mentee can only have one mentor at the novice level. Tiered mentees can play 12 times but can change mentors after each 4 games.

Partnership: Nothing to report.

Regional Venue Committee: Sharon presented the list of potential hotels. Tom Marsh measured the Drury and thinks the venue can accommodate up to 95 tables with both the upstairs and downstairs and the foyer at the bottom of the stairs. Rosemary will go to the Drury this week and look at the venue. She also suggested the Doubletree Hilton and Marriott North. She will get more information like total square footage, number of tables, outside food, food and beverage minimum, room guarantees, room night rates, any complimentary rooms, service charges and gratuities. She will get all the numbers this week and submit the information to the board for a vote by Monday, January 17.

Unit Games:

February 17: Laurie has a two-session 499 game at the Jewish Community Center. Flyers will be at the Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional at the Shrine Auditorium.

March 9 Awards Day: Karen and Susan are co-chair.

Tournaments:

Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional: Set up is Wednesday at 3 pm at Shrine auditorium. Any help will be appreciated. Coffee and water will be available during the tournament. Laurie has announced that people can bring snacks but there is no kitchen. John Hilbig has arranged for a food truck at lunchtime.

New Braunfels Sectional: Barbara Morgan will not be chairwoman this year. Her daughter is having a baby. Roxana will contact Ann Kuehler to see if she would be willing to chair the event.

Scorecard: If anyone has information for the Unit 172 article, please email Ellen Hessel.

Winning Finesse: Ed will be mailing the next issue before Awards Day, March 9.

President's Online Meeting: ACBL has changed the way it's reimbursing units for membership fees. Instead of 11% of the Quip Report, units will receive 5% of membership dues automatically, the next 5% is based on renewing lapsed members after being contacted by board members and flagged to the ACBL on a spreadsheet, lastly the units will receive 5% for recruiting new members. ACBL will send email to all board members of lapsed members to contact. This was considerable discussion about the unfairness of this system. Our most recent 6-month membership reimbursement was \$383. The ACBL is also have online meetings with all board presidents one Tuesday each month. Next meeting is January 9. ACBL also advised us that the automatic renewal system is no longer working and will not be repaired until at least April.

Old Business:

Directory: Roxana has the updated list from Fiesta and will work on the directory after the January sectional.

Free-play cards: Table until next month.

Trailer Repair: Repairs should be completed tomorrow. Freddie will pick up the trailer and deliver the supplies to the Shrine on Wednesday. Roxana will ask Freddie if he can rebuild the shelves and how much he will charge. If Freddie can't do it, Rebecca has someone who can give us an estimate. Magnum will put the wall in between the front and back of the trailer.

Bridge Mates: Roxana will get prices. Steve said there is a Bridge Mate Pro that is better than the standard Bridge Mate. Are there any other options? There was also a discussion about how many Bridge Mates to buy.

Tables: Agudas has cancelled their tournament and no longer need to borrow our tables.

Policy Manual Update: Ed will have information at the next board meeting.

New Business:

Appoint Auditor: John Hilbig offered to review the accounting records for 2023. Sharon will deliver the documents to John.

Intermediate Newcomer Committee: Nancy Tom appointed Rebecca Evans as chairperson of a committee to grow our intermediate/newcomer games. She will be working with clubs and recruiting new committee members.

Next meeting: Monday February 12 at 2:45 at Agudas Achim.

Sharon Evans moved to adjourn the meeting, Everette Lewis seconded, and meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fillis, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

Everette – Bridge Pads to Sectional on Wednesday.

Ed - get date change for October Sectional, review any changes to Policy and Procedures Manual.

Roxana - ask Freddie about building shelves for trailer, get prices on Bridge Mates, ask Ann Kuehler to chair New Braunfels sectional, directory.

Rosemary – visit Drury, get numbers from Marriott North and Doubletree Hilton

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

On January 11, 2023, after review of the Drury Inn on 1604 by Rosemary Kelley, tournament chair, and a motion made by Karen Fillis and seconded by Sharon Evans, the Board voted by email to approve the Drury Inn for the venue for the 2025 San Antonio Regional.