



DISTRICT 16 UNIT 107

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

Board Members Present: Laura Delfeld, Hal DeShong, Mary Anne Laier, Mark McAllister, Diana Rogers, Clint Schuhmacher, Jenny Stocker, Phyllis Tate and Jim Wueste.

Mary Anne called the meeting to order at 3 PM. A quorum was established.

**Secretary's Report:** Hal DeShong presented the minutes to the board and they were unanimously accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Clint's report was approved by the board.

**Membership Chairman:** Mark reported that there were 651 members, up from 630 in February.

Mary Anne proposed and the board unanimously approved a motion to give one free play to second year renewals (whose membership had lapsed) for the person and a partner.

**Business Manager Report:** Jim said that the 2006 Regional still needs a chairman. The board voted unanimously to give Larry permission to sign the contracts for the January 2007 Sectional (including the NAPS) at the Doubletree and the 2008 Regional in July.

**Old Business:**

**Teaching Programs:**

There are many bridge players in Austin who do not play in sanctioned games. Mary Anne offered to present 4-6 programs to groups who wish to learn the mechanics of duplicate play and how to fill out a convention card. She would be willing to meet prior to the Thursday afternoon game at the NWRC or in someone's home or at the Senior Center before the Tuesday evening game. Other teachers were suggested also.

Kevin has two teaching programs for the Lifeline Learning Institute and at the University of Texas starting at the end of September.

**Seminars:**

Clint reported that Membership Development Seminars with Donna Compton would begin sometime after the February board elections.

**Liability Insurance:**

Clint presented a summary of the liability insurance offered by the ACBL. For \$475 per year, his recommendation was that it was not very useful and not worth the price. The board voted not to purchase this insurance at this time.

**New Business:**

**Appreciation Party:**

The appreciation party for all the volunteers at the July Regional will be held on September 18 at 5 PM at Hal DeShong's condo clubhouse. Contact Mary Anne at 828-5013 if you plan to attend. The board voted to spend \$200 for expenses. Many are volunteering their time and/or food/beverages for this event.

**Texas Star Awards:**

A committee of Laura Delfeld, Marilou Powell and Diana Rogers was selected to appoint a recipient for this award.

**On-Line Posting:**

Most people in the unit have expressed a desire to have each game's score on-line in a timely fashion. Some members have begun bringing floppies to the games to record the event and send the contents to Kevin upon arriving home that day. In addition, the board agreed that perhaps Kevin needed a back-up person to help when he is out of town. Mark graciously offered his time and expertise.

The meeting adjourned at 4 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diana Rogers, Secretary