

MINUTES
DISTRICT 16, UNIT 207
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. Members present were Harriette Bowles, Larry Davis, Mark Miller, Joe Black, Phyllis Tate, Charlie Afill, Mark McAllister. Member absent: Leonard McCormick. Visitors present were Laura Delfeld and Linda Anthony.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer Robert Donathan reported a balance of \$51, 466 in Unit accounts.

Membership Chair Mark Miller reported that the Unit continues to grow and now has 842 members.

Business Manager Joe Black proposed a schedule for Unit events through 2009 and it was approved by the Board. Joe received a proposal from Bridge Center of Austin for 14 Unit games which they will run in 2009. The Board approved the proposal with one exception, that of Feb. 14, which will be the date of the Unit's annual meeting.

Under old business, candidates for 2008 Texas Star and Goodwill awards were voted on by the board and recipients were chosen.

Under new business, Larry Davis proposed a 0-100 section along with 8-is-Enough for the Swiss Unit game on Dec. 6. This was approved by the Board. Mark McAllister will begin publicizing the event.

Larry proposed a newsletter directed toward new players, bi-monthly or quarterly. The Board approved and will look for a volunteer editor.

Laura Delfeld proposed a bring-a-friend program for month of Feb. 2009 whereby members bringing a new player will play free for that session. The new player will also play free. The board voted approval of the proposal.

Linda Anthony proposed a Fast Pairs for Sunday of the Winter Sectional, to accommodate players who did not qualify for the final round of the North American Pairs. Joe Black will check with tournament directors on the feasibility of this. The Board voted to let Joe and Mark McAllister make final decision.

Mark McAllister reported on the aging unit copier, which is still working but probably has only a short usable life left. The Board voted to allow Mark to buy new copier if cost per copy is 2.5 cents or less. Mark will research copiers.

The Board voted approval of Mike Stout's proposal to cater the Unit Holiday Party on Dec. 14

2008. A Temporary Food Service Permit has been received from the City of Austin for the event. Desserts will be “pot luck,” and Harriette volunteered to be Dessert Coordinator.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mark McAllister (substituting for Leonard McCormick)**