

UNIT 207 BOARD MEETING
MAY 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. All Board members were present.

The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Robert Donathan presented the Treasurer's Report. It was noted that we have seen a steady increase in table count at tournaments in the last three years. The balance of our bank accounts equals approximately \$54,000.

Mark Miller reported that the total of current ACBL members in Unit 207 is 895. There are 960 people (members and non-members) who are a part of Unit 207.

Larry Davis (Business Manager) reported that Unit 207 will host the NAP games in 2010, 2011, and 2013. We are hosting an additional NAP because San Antonio is unable to host. The City Championship will be held on June 13. It will be a two-session event with a meal served between sessions. A plaque will be purchased to include recognition of best scores in A, B, C, and D stratas. No masterpoints would be awarded for the D strata. George Watkins will chair the City Championship.

Larry Davis requested an additional 3 Unit Sanctions to hold Unit games in the Senior Activities Centers in Austin and South Austin during this year. Approval was granted.

Laura Delfeld, Larry Davis, and Nancy Dean have been working on ideas to support the Novice program and to encourage more people to play in sanctioned duplicate games. Mark Craig agreed to serve as liaison between colleges in the area and Unit 207. He was granted \$200 for expenses related to making contacts with colleges and universities to encourage them to form student bridge clubs.

Mark McAllister has agreed to be the official photographer for Novice events.

The Novice Committee Chairperson (Laura Delfeld) is authorized to spend up to \$300 during this next year for social functions for Novice events.

The Unit will pay a director \$50 + \$5 per table (up to \$75 if not held at a place where bridge supplies are stored) to direct a duplicate bridge game for an established social bridge group. The Unit will not pay "rent" at the Bridge Center if held there. Laura Delfeld will organize these games. The Unit will host up to 12 of these games between March 1-February 28.

The Unit will subsidize beginning bridge lessons for new players if the number of students is too small to adequately compensate teachers for their time. If a teacher has at least 8 students signed up, no subsidy would be given. There must be a minimum of 4 students signed up for the series of lessons to qualify for the subsidy. The Unit will subsidize the lessons up to \$100 per series of lessons (\$50 per vacancy).

Nancy Dean will serve as liaison between Unit 207 and out-lying bridge clubs.

Approval was given to the Georgetown club to borrow 75 tables to be used for a charity game.

Larry Davis and Mary Ann Laier will co-chair the July, 2010 tournament. George Watkins and Mark Miller will co-chair the May, 2010 tournament. Mark Craig and Nancy Dean will co-chair the Jan., 2010 tournament.

Negotiations have been completed with the Doubletree Hotel for tournaments for Jan., 2010, Jan. 2011, Jan. 2012, Jan. 2013, July 2010, and July 2012). The contract is viewed by the Board as being very beneficial to Unit 207 regarding rates, rent, free hotel rooms, parking, and promotions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard McCormick, Secretary
Unit 207