

San Antonio Bridge League  
Unit 172 Board of Directors Meeting  
February 13, 2023

**Present:** Jerry Harrington, Rosemary Kelley, Karen Fillis, Everette Lewis, Sharon Evans, Susan Hernandez, David Mitchell, Jo Neesvig, Ed Rawlinson, Nancy Tom, and Roxie Tom

**Guests:** Laurie Levin

The meeting was called to order at 2:42 p.m. by Jerry Harrington, President.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Rosemary to approve the minutes. (Seconded by Karen) Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

**Committee Reports:** Membership: There was one transfer in and two transfers out. We currently have 445 members.

Education: It's time to start a new LBIAD. April was suggested. We need to find out what other units are doing?

Mentor/Mentee: We now have a couple new mentees and mentors.

**Unit Games:** The Awards Day game, hosted by Susan and Everette will be stratified pairs. Jerry will bring drinks, ice, etc. Bob Otis will make the boards. Everette will bring a change bank of \$200 since we will be charging \$5 a head.

We need to order Life Master pins. (from B & B or 7NT)

**D16 Board Meeting:** Ed attended the D16 Board Meeting at the Houston Regional and reported or presented the following:

- A proposal to increase funding for advertising to match ACBL reimbursement up to \$250
- District 16's charity games will be March 27 and 29-31. The charity games will be used to raise funds for the GNT winners (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) to move on to the next level. The March 30 and 31 games will be used for local charities.
- GNT events will be split with Championship Flight and Flight "B" to be played in Dallas, March 24-25; and Flights "A" and "C" to be played in

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Houston, April 15-16.

- Austin is considering plans to decouple the NAPs in 2025 and the January Sectional to two different weekends. Both events are to be held at the Bridge Center of Austin. The playing area is not large enough to host both at the same time. There was discussion regarding us doing the same thing in 2024.
- Evie Gilbert is the new *Scorecard* editor.
- mailing labels for our unit members to possibly update their email and address information

**Tournaments:** Hosts for the Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional: Sharon, Nancy, and Roxie. Accolades to their support team.

Hosts for the Roxana Tom Spring Sectional: Jerry and Rosemary. Rosemary and company will supply an abundance of Tetrizzini. Salad from Costco will be provided.

Diane Olson Election Sectional - Ed applied to ACBL to change the dates to Oct. 11-14, 2023. St. Thomas is available. Also requested date changes for 2024.

**Old Business:** The Free Play coupons will be on hold for now (maybe summer).

Karen made a motion, amended by Ed, to institute a unit policy change that would provide a subsidy of \$200 to Fiesta Bridge Club for closure during Unit Sectionals. The subsidy applies only to open games which typically average at least 10 tables. (Seconded by Susan) Motion carried.

Ed presented a survey from years ago regarding remuneration for clubs in other units. Most units did not.

There was discussion regarding use of the suite by the editor of the Daily Bulletin. Further discussion involved his/her remuneration and also the need to send the results, not only to the unit webmaster, but to ACBL Live.

Pens, stickies, etc. will be given out at Regional registration.

D16 will reimburse Unit 172 for the Saturday breakfast given for D16 Board members.

Rosemary will purchase 50 sets of bidding box inserts. We need other slips also, although we can make those.

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Trailer - We have the new tarp, but are not sure if it's in place. The trailer needs to be inspected. Fixing it (big time) has been tabled for now. Get estimate to repair from Magnum Trailers. Consider option of buying used trailer. Floor is rotting and shelving is sagging. If we repair, it will probably take several months and items inside would need to be stored.

**New Business:** Paperwork was given to Roxie as the auditor for 2022 finances.

Karen made a motion to increase the playing fees at the New Braunfels and Diane Olson Election Sectionals to \$13 in the pair games (and team games the first day) and \$128 for the Swiss on the final day. (Seconded by Nancy) Motion carried.

There was discussion to set the Flight "C" stratification up to 1000 points at the New Braunfels tournament since the NLM Regional will be held in conjunction with the Sectional. We will ask Scott or Melody for advice.

Newly appointed ACBL assistant recorder, Rebecca Brown, asked that we appoint someone to take over the Unit 172 Facebook page. Discussion ensued. Some suggested we abandon it.

Rosemary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. (Seconded by Sharon) Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held March 13, 2023 at Agudas Achim.

## **Actions to be taken:**

- Everette: Write *Scorecard* article. Bring Change Bank to Awards Game. Call Freddie.
- Nancy: Make tri-folds for Awards Day Unit Game. Ask a director for Flight "C" suggestions at the NB tournament.
- Rosemary: Bring BB & D16 Star Award.
- Ed: Make a list of new Life Masters during 2022.
- Steve: Check with ACBL on how to upload tournament results to ACBL Live.
- Roxie: Audit
- Anyone: Find a replacement to manage the Facebook page.
- Karen to order pick up slips for team games (6 colors) and team entry (points/captain/# on team)

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