

# SAN ANTONIO BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 172

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

November 13, 2023

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:48 pm by Nancy Tom. **Present:** Nancy Tom, Roxana Tom, Sharon Evans, Karen Fillis, Ed Rawlinson, David Mitchell, Jo Neesvig, Ellen Hessel, Susan Hernandez, Rebecca Evans. **Absent:** Everette Lewis. **Guests:** Laurie Levin, Steve Simpson, John Hilbig.

**Minutes:** Roxana Tom moved to approve the minutes from October 23, 2023, Ellen Hessel seconded, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Fillis prepared and presented the Treasurer's Report for October since Sharon Evans was out of the country for several weeks. Total Assets are \$86,469.36. We made \$816.83 on the Diane Olson Election Sectional after all expenses were turned in.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** 1 new member, 5 transfers in and 1 transfer out. Total membership 444.

**Education:** Laurie Levin is currently teaching beginner (10 students) and intermediate classes (20 students) at the Jewish Community Center. Rosemary Kelley had an intermediate class last Sunday and schedules classes periodically. Steve Simpson teaches beginner lessons with his novice classes on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evenings at the Barrington.

**Mentor/Mentee:** Making good progress with the Mentor/Mentee program. Karen will continue helping Susan track the games played and will approve payments to the clubs.

**Partnership:** Jo is currently scheduling players for the Pro/Am November 18.

**Regional Venue Committee:** Sharon has contacted several hotels. She has been looking for 10,000 SF, which makes the Drury on 1604 too small. Roxana will check with Tom Marsh to see if he thinks the playing area at the Drury will be large enough. Sharon thinks we should get a proposal from the Westin Colonnade. She has not received the letter from Larry Davis in Austin which would layout a comparable proposal to present to hotels.

**Unit Games:** Ed Rawlinson presented a schedule of proposed dates and events. Karen to contact St. Thomas Episcopal Church to see if the dates requested for Unit Games and Tournaments are available. Ed Rawlinson will get the sanction numbers after the dates have been confirmed.

There was considerable discussion about possible venues for Non-Life Master events. David suggested a church near Jefferson High School. He has toured the venue, and they would be willing to store tables. It was felt that the location was not very convenient for most players. Ed suggested using an elementary school cafeteria for a 2-day NLM sectional. Ed thought the school would charge about \$80 per hour. He will confirm the cost and see if it's a feasible idea. Ed will check with Scott Humphrey to see if we could hold a 1-day NLM Sectional. NLM Sectionals do not need ACBL Tournament directors.

Hosts were selected for all of the 2024 unit games and tournaments. Nancy Tom will prepare the flyers. Susan requested that Nancy also prepare an attractive sign-up sheet for Unit Games and Tournaments for players as well as food. Roxana will ask Tom Marsh to direct the Unit team games. Tournament chairs are responsible for selecting a Director for their Unit game.

Pro-Am Game: 10 tables have signed up at Fiesta. Pro/Am event needs more Pros (players over 1000). Nancy will email Barbara Morgan to see if some of their experienced players will play with the Ams from Fiesta Bridge Club looking for partners.

Holiday Party: The event is potluck with the Unit providing the meat. Everette is still out of town. Ed has not made a decision on the meat to be served. Several suggestions were made. There is currently a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts at Fiesta.

### **Tournaments:**

Diane Olson Election Section: Payment was received from ACBL a week late because they had a problem with their systems.

Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional: There is no kitchen at the Shrine Auditorium so there will be no food or beverages served. John has arranged for a German food truck Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He will see about a second food truck for Saturday. It was also suggested that we might consider a morning food truck with drinks and breakfast tacos.

Scorecard: Ellen Hessel contacted Evvie Gilbert. The deadline for submission for January/February issue is December 15. If anyone has information for the Unit 172 article, please email Ellen Hessel. Thank you to Terry Riely for writing the article for the October/November issue.

Winning Finesse: Ed will be mailing the next issue after the Pro/Am. There was a complication in getting the winners of the Horton Gray and Paul Lewis awards.

### **Old Business:**

District 16 phone call initiative is being updated by Jerry Harrington. He asked that everyone send their results to him as soon as possible. Results from the phone call initiative were disappointing.

Directory: Roxana will make an announcement about the directory at the Pro/Am game, asking people to update their information with ACBL if it is not current and let Roxana know.

Texas Star Award: Karen will do the write-up and forward it to Sandy Potts before December 31. She will also advise Sandy of the Goodwill recipients.

Free-play cards: The cards will expire the end of November. They have been a great success and cost the Unit approximately \$2400 for 2023.

Bank Accounts: Karen, Nancy and Sharon will schedule a date to change the signature cards, until then, Karen will keep the checkbook.

Trailer Repair: Nancy will check with dealer about scheduling a repair after January 18. We won't know the cost until we get an estimate from the dealer. If it's too expensive, we'll just keep using the trailer as is.

Bridge Mates: Everette is getting prices. We will get an update when he returns from vacation.

Clocks: New remote control was purchased and is with the clocks in the trailer.

Tables: The Unit approved loaning card tables to Agudas Achim on Thursday, January 18. Laurie will schedule delivery with Freddy. Agudas will pay him \$200 for delivery and pickup.

### **New Business:**

Easel and white board for display at Fiesta: Nancy will get them from the trailer on Saturday. The white board is magnetic.

Awards Day: Karen has Life Master pins. Star award is presented at January Houston Regional by the District. District also provides pins for Goodwill recipients. Nancy will print certificates for Awards: Paul Lewis, Mini-McKinney, Ace of Clubs. Ed will provide list of New Life Masters and milestone events after NLM.

Membership renewal: Discussion about the discounts provided by ACBL and Element.

Non-Life Master Tournament: It was voted not to have a Non-Life Master event in conjunction with the New Braunfels tournament.

Board Policies and Procedures Manual update: Ed, Roxana, Rebecca and Karen will meet on Friday, November 17, 2:45 PM at Karen's house to discuss changes in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

**Next meeting: Monday December 11.** Location will be determined at a later date.

Ed Rawlinson moved to adjourn the meeting, Roxana Tom seconded, and meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Fillis, Secretary

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Karen** - contact St. Thomas regarding event scheduling; write-up for Texas Star winner.

**Ed** - check with Scott Humphrey about 1 day NLM Sectional; get a cost for rent from school district; compile list of milestone for Awards Day in February.

**Roxana** - ask Tom Marsh about directing Unit team games; inquire about square footage needed for Regional.

**Nancy** – email Barbara Morgan about Pro/Am participants; contact dealer regarding trailer repair and schedule estimate/repair for January 19 (ask if they can do trailer inspection/it's due in February and would save us a pickup and delivery charge); pick-up easel and whiteboard from trailer on Saturday.

**Laurie** – schedule Freddy for January 18 deliver and pickup, ask Agudas about Board Meeting on December 11.