

**SAN ANTONIO BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 172**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

December 11, 2023

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:38 pm by Nancy Tom. **Present:** Nancy Tom, Sharon Evans, Karen Fillis, Ed Rawlinson, David Mitchell, Jo Neesvig, Ellen Hessel, Susan Hernandez, Rebecca Evans, Everette Lewis. **Absent:** Roxie Tom. **Guests:** Laurie Levin, Steve Simpson, John Hilbig and Hank Eng.

**Minutes:** Everette Lewis moved to approve the minutes from November 13, 2023, Jo Neesvig seconded, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Evans presented the Treasurer's Report for November. Total Assets are just above \$90,000. There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** 3 new members and 2 transfers out.

**Education:** Laurie Levin has two more lesson in her beginner class. Rebecca is working on a plan to get more people to play in 499 games.

**Mentor/Mentee:** In 2023 we had 12 pairs in the Mentor Mentee program and 18 pairs in the Tiered Mentoring. Susan is working on getting new players enrolled for 2024. She would like to see the Tiered Mentoring program expanded. Karen suggested that 12 games at the Tiered level for each Mentee should be the max. Ellen suggested that people enrolled in the Mentor Mentee program be required to take lessons. No changes were made at this time.

**Partnership:** Jo has been doing an excellent job coordinating partnerships and was thanked for her hard work.

**Regional Venue Committee:** Tom Marsh does not think the playing area at the Drury will be large enough. Sharon is getting a proposal from the Westin Colonnade; there is a new employee at the Westin as our contact. They recognize the problems from last year and would like another chance for our business. The Hilton at 410 and McCullough would prefer to have a wedding at their venue and will not commit the date until June. Also suggested were Park North Convention Center and Wonderland of the America's Mall.

**Policy and Procedure Manual Updates:** Ed, Roxie, Rebecca and Karen reviewed and updated the Policy and Procedure Manual. Ed presented all Board members with an updated copy. Several changes were made for tournament hosts. Article VIII of the ByLaws requires four standing committees. We currently only have the Nominating Committee although we have people performing the other committee functions. We may want to consider changing the ByLaws but any changes would have to be approved at the Annual Meeting in August. Board members were asked to review Article VIII before the next Board meeting.

**Unit Games:** Ed Rawlinson updated the schedule of events with confirmed sanctions and hosts. The Unit gets 24 sanctions per year for Unit games. We currently use 10 and split the balance between Fiesta

and New Braunfels. Two-session games require two sanctions. St. Thomas Episcopal Church approved all the dates for 2024 and contracts are being drawn up.

At a special meeting after the Pro-Am tournament, the Board approved giving Fiesta Bridge Club a two-session 499 game on February 17 which will be held at the Jewish Community Center. Nancy has prepared a flyer. Awards day will be moved to March 9 and Karen and Susan will host.

Pro-Am Game: There was a great turnout with 23 tables, but only three pair were Mentor-Mentee. Susan will encourage Mentors to play with their Mentees at the Pro-Am game next year.

Holiday Party: Ed and Everette did a terrific job with the food and Larry did a great job directing 21 tables including a web movement. An announcement was made that sodas would not be served at future Unit games and tournaments. The Unit will provide coffee, water and iced tea. The decision was approved by the Board after a Motion made by Ed and seconded by Ellen.

### **Tournaments:**

Diane Olson Election Section: Karen, Susan, David and Jo will co-host for 2024. Ed will try to change the dates for 2025 to October 15-18.

Ed Rawlinson Winter Sectional: The Shrine Auditorium will allow us to serve coffee and water. Austin has asked us to take the NAP game for 2025. Locations were discussed. The Drury may require too many room nights. Ed suggested Clark High School auditorium at \$125 per hour. The Shrine Auditorium is \$6,000 for 2024. St. Thomas is too small. Laurie will check with the Jewish Community Center to get a price for their auditorium. No decision was made.

Scorecard: Ellen Hessel submitted the article for the next issue of the Scorecard.

Winning Finesse: Next issue will be in January. Ellen suggested only one issue be sent to each household. Ed said that is normally done.

### **Old Business:**

Directory: There was a list at the Holiday Party which has been given to Laurie for players to update their information. Ellen said she would be willing to call people to update information.

Texas Star and Goodwill Awards: Write-up has been completed and Nancy will forward to Sandy Potts. Awards will be given at Lone Star Regional. If recipients do not attend, awards will be given on Awards Day and David or Ellen will pick up the awards in Houston. Steve will put the winners on the website after the Lone Star Regional.

Free-play cards: The cards have expired. The Board will consider another round of free-play cards in several months.

Bank Accounts: Signature cards have been updated and the checkbook turned over to Sharon.

Trailer Repair: The trailer is now at Magnum Trailers for repair of the brakes and lights. Freddie unloaded the supplies at his warehouse and delivered the trailer to Magnum. Magnum will be giving Nancy an estimate of the cost to repair the roof and inside. Decisions will be made by email vote.

Bridge Mates: Tabled until next meeting.

**New Business:**

White boards were delivered to Fiesta. Laurie will get the easel from Freddie.

Awards Day: Nancy will print certificates for Awards: Paul Lewis, Mini-McKinney, Ace of Clubs. Ed provided list of New Life Masters and milestone events after NLM. Karen needs a count on the number of New Life Master pins to be presented.

Membership renewal: Review of the discounts provided by ACBL.

**Next meeting: Monday January 8, 2024, at Agudas Achim.**

Ellen moved to adjourn the meeting, Everette seconded, and meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Fillis, Secretary

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Karen** - get count from Ed on Life Master pins.

**Nancy** – follow up on trailer repair.

**Everette** – get prices for new bridge pads.

**Laurie** – schedule Freddy for January 18 deliver and pickup. Also ask Freddie to bring an easel.

**Sharon** – get quotes for 2025 Regional venue.

**Ed** – change dates on 2025 Election Sectional

**All Board Members** – Review Article VIII of ByLaws