

SAN ANTONIO BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 172

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

March 3, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:39 pm by Nancy Tom. **Present:** Nancy Tom, Roxana Tom, Sharon Evans, David Mitchell, Rebecca Evans, Jamie Gardner, Ellen Hessel, and Karen Fillis. **Via Phone:** **Absent:** Jo Neesvig, David Mayer and Susan Hernandez. **Guests:** Laurie Levin and Steve Simpson. Beth Gale was present for the discussion on the Regional.

Regional: Beth and Rosemary are attending a meeting at the Drury this afternoon. The board requested that they discuss the volunteer lunches and consider a party for the volunteers instead, the need for a sound system (Everette volunteered his if needed), gift bags for registration (the board liked reusable shopping bags), prizes for section tops and overall winners (the board did not like the idea of garment bags but they have already been ordered). There is no budget for promotion but we are not placing an announcement in the Bridge Bulletin. There will be a full page announcement in the Scorecard. There was discussion about Name an Event and prices were approved. Laurie would like help with promoting if Ed Rawlinson does not want to help since his retirement. Sharon commented that the Drury will give us free printing, but they may not want to print the hand records since there are so many.

Minutes: Roxie Tom moved to approve the minutes from February 10, 2025, Ellen Hessel seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Evans prepared the Treasurer's Report for January. No comments or questions.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 1 new members, 1 transfer in, 0 transfer out, 0 deceased, 2 reinstated, total membership 431.

Supplies: Karen ordered 4 set of boards (36 each without cards or carrying cases), 2500 double-sided pair scoresheets, 2500 team scoresheets, 500 team entries and 500n partnership requests from Bridge Buddy.

Sanctions: 4 special games for New Braunfels and 2 for Kerrville. Rebecca needs to get the sanction numbers to Nancy.

Education: Most of Laurie's classes are going well but she does not have enough students for the night class to be cost effective.

Mentor/Mentee: During February, 3 mentor/mentees played. More of the tiered mentoring partners played but we won't have a count until they play 4 times and submit for freeplays.

I/N Report: Tournament was a big success thanks to Rebecca Evans and Ed Rawlinson. The school is willing for us to have other IN events there. Ed asked that we donate \$500 to the school and Sharon made the payment. There was discussion about the number of boards to be played at IN tournaments. Rebecca wants the tournament to be run like a regular sectional and play 27 boards but the players played very slow and the tournament lasted late. Karen suggested that they limit the boards to 24 or possibly 21. Steve said the number of boards will depend on the movement. His IN games play 18 boards most of the time. Laurie said that the IN games at National events are usually only 24 boards. Rebecca would like to try 27 at the next event and set up rules on time per round before hand but is willing to let the director have discretion if the players play too slow. She suggested a Friday/Saturday game during the summer.

Partnership: Nothing to report.

Promotion: Nothing to report.

Unit Games:

Awards Day March 1: Awards Day was a great success. It was Academy Awards Day and winners got trophies and certificates. Many prior winners had “Stars” around the playing area. Nancy, Roxie and Sharon did an outstanding job and the creativity was amazing.

April 26 Team Game: Tom Marsh will direct single session event. If he has to cancel, it will be changed to a pair game. Ellen and John are hosting.

May 17 Pairs Game: Karen and Jamie are hosting.

Tournaments:

Roxana Tom Sectional: March 26-29. Roxie and Sharon will chair. Karen arranged for Al Fulton to make the boards. Bob Otis is teaching him how, and Steve will put the program on the Unit laptop so the boards can be made at the game. Bob and Al will get \$10 per set when they make boards. Everett gave permission to use his dealing machine. Nancy will get the hand records printed.

Regional: (see above)

Scorecard: At the District meeting in Houston, it was requested the Scorecard be available in print form, and someone suggested they give the Units \$200, which must be requested, to print some copies and have available to members to read. The current Scorecard is 54 pages long and \$200 won't print many copies. There would be no restriction on the use of the \$200.

Winning Finesse: Ellen will request comments on venue for Sectionals. Is there a preference between St. Thomas and the Jewish Community Center? The cost is about the same but the food is limited at the JCC. Comments should be directed to Karen Fillis kfillis@icloud.com. Rebecca would like to find a location to start a Saturday game. She and David Mitchell have looked at several locations. Ellen will inquire of members through the Winning Finesse. Suggestions can be sent to Rebecca Evans [SanAntonio750 Bridge@outlook.com](mailto:SanAntonio750Bridge@outlook.com).

District Meeting: Ellen Hessel attended the meeting in Houston. The District is appointing a committee to review the \$1.40 per table charge at Regional events.

President's Online Meeting: Most of the discussion last week was on the 5/5/5 report. There was also discussion about the gold dust being offered online and in local clubs.

Old Business:

Reminder to everyone to make phone calls on the 0-750 list which was assigned last month. Jamie said many of his phone numbers had been disconnected.

New Business:

Laurie requested the Unit authorize the “Play 5 get 1 Free” cards again for two months. Roxie Tom made a motion to start the “Play 5 get 1 Free” cards on April 1 and end on May 31. No new cards will be issued after May 31, and no new punches after June 30. The cards are not transferable between members. Motion seconded by Karen Fillis. Motion carried. Nancy will print the cards.

Nominating Committee: David Mitchell will be running for the board again, so he cannot chair the committee. Nancy asked Jamie to consider taking the job. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

May 12 meeting will be at Mary Massey's. Please let David Mitchell know if you will be attending.

Next meeting: Monday, April 7 at 2:45 at Karen Fillis', 123 N. Warbler Way, Shavano Park.

Roxie Tom moved to adjourn the meeting, Ellen Hessel seconded, and meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fillis, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

Nancy — Play 5 get 1 Free cards

Rebecca — Sanction numbers to Nancy

Roxie — order pencils