

Unit 207 Board of Directors meeting/ October 12, 2023

1. Call to order at 1426. Members present include Sharon Hogar, Mark Craig, Nancy Joe, Rebecca Brown and Nola Ray. Zoom attendees include Mickey Goldwater, Pat Berry and Jamie Southerland (from Madrid).
2. Minutes from September 14th were accepted after a motion and a second and unanimously approved.
3. Agenda approved, seconded unanimously approved.
4. Membership report: we have 967 members which is down 2.3% from last year. Our average age is 72. We have a 77 new members and have lost 89 members.
5. Treasurer's report: we lost \$450 on the last sectional. We had 11 fewer tables. We were subsidizing lunch at about four dollars per head. For the month we lost \$1600.00. We had \$1022.00 in free plays for 2 months. Ended the month with \$145,000.00. Mickey Goldwater stated that we played \$650 for the food for the sectional for four days. Free plays are counted when they are redeemed.  
Motion: approved treasurers report by Rebecca brown, Seconded by Nancy Joe, and all approved.
6. Lecture program: 15 people attended Pam LaShelle's lecture on exploring for for slam. Sam Dinkins is speaking on November 11th about strategies for playing team games. George Watkins is speaking on December 2nd about card placement.
7. Discussion of the safety of our parking lot. There have been a number of break-ins and muggings of bridge players. Usually happens at night. Mickey Goldwater said that there are now cameras in the parking lot and in the BCA.
8. Sharon has encouraged all teachers and directors to talk up our next 0 to 50 tournament on October 28 and 29. She has also sent an email to all (268) 0 to 50 point players.
9. Nominating committee nominees found by Nancy Joe: Ken Lusky, Raymond Borrego, Ernestine Broyles, Gerald Urbach, Nancy Joe and (Stuart Litwin) ( Wendy Marks). Rebecca Brown suggested we ask Christopher Steele to run.
10. January schedule flyer background needs to be lightened. We are raising game rates to \$14.00 and Sunday Swiss to \$140.00. Discussions of stratifications: A. 3000 plus, B. 750 to 3000, and C. 0-750. Nancy Joe to assist Pat Berry with partnerships.
11. Nancy Joe suggested that every federal holiday that falls on a Monday be an open game. We missed Indigenous People's Day (Columbus Day) October 9th.
12. Discussion on replacing stipends with free plays for tournament chairs. Mark Craig suggested a stipend for non-life masters and free plays for regular tournaments. Rebecca made a motion that the tournament chairman would get two free plays a day for an open tournament in lieu of any monetary remuneration. Seconded by Mark Craig. Motion carried.  
Sharon motioned for NLM tournaments: two day sessions, the remuneration be \$60.00. Rebecca Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed.  
Hospitality remains at \$35.00 a day.
13. Good Will awards will be awarded. We received multiple candidates. We will vote at the November meeting.
14. Georgetown would like \$1000 (50%) to buy 10 bridge mates and server. We decided to loan them our extra bridge mates with the other understanding that they will be brought back when we have tournaments and need them.
15. Rebecca discussed Larry Cohen's lecture at the BCA and the Bridge Camp.
16. Rebecca suggested we have an upgraded GNT game. This has been done in the past without much success.
16. Motion to adjourn by Jamie, seconded by Mark. 1548 adjournment.