

April 11, 2024 Unit 207 Board of Directors Meeting

Before the meeting, Alex Labrey photographed our new members and also took a group photo. He is being reimbursed with 15 free plays.

1. Meeting called to order by Mark Craig at 1418. Attendees included Mark Craig, Sharon Hoger, Nola Ray, Jamie Southerland, Mickey Goldwater, Raymond Borrego, Earnestine Broyles and Stuart Litwin. Rebecca Brown was absent.
2. Motion by Sharon Hoger to approve March Minutes. Seconded by Ray B. All approved. I'll need to correct Stewart to Stuart and Ernestine to Earnestine in the March minutes.
3. Motion to approve April agenda by Ray B, seconded by Nola and motion passed.
4. Membership report: by Earnestine: we lost 9 members, 1 member transferred in and we got 5 new members. We have 5 inactive members. Motion to accept Membership Report by Sharon H, seconded by Mark C and motion passed.
5. Treasurer Report by Jamie Southerland: \$1500.00 of awards were the \$150.00 for assistance for travel to the NAPs for 10 teams. We spent \$700.00 for mentor program in March. Outgo funds exceeded operating revenue by \$2700.00. We made \$500.00 in dividends and \$2000.00 in unrealized gains. So we had minus \$45.00 for the month. We are plus \$1177.00 for the year. Sharon moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Stuart and all voted in favor.
6. Lecture report: Rebecca Brown is absent. Mickey reported that's the last lecture was poorly attended. She went to the BCA website and the lectures are not on the website. Mickey went to the unit website and all the lectures are there. Once a lecture is scheduled, Rebecca Brown needs to let Ken McMorrin know to post the lectures on both websites. Mickey motioned that Rebecca make flyers to advertise the lectures. Raymond seconded and all were in favor.
7. Firecracker Regional: Mark Craig proposed we need someone for Welcoming. We need swag. Sharon will find patches. Suggestions included lunch bags, wine glasses, coozies, coasters, wine bags, pencils or pens, \$2.00 bills while supplies last. Earnestine volunteered for chair and Mickey will cochair. We will need banners with grommets. Sharon volunteered to get the new banners.
Larry Davis proposed that he direct 2 evening club games, Tuesday and Thursday. Since he will be keeping the entry fees, we will need to charge him for the room. Sharon motioned we charge him \$4.00 a table. Mark Craig seconded and all voted yea.
A Medicare/Medicaid recruitment group has asked to set up a table. If someone signs with them, they will pay their ACBL membership cost.
Someone else wants a table to sell a book. We plan to charge \$200.00 per table for the event. Sharon informed the group about a partnership tool for the regional.
Ray B shared that Sussana Busico is interested in becoming the cochair for the volunteers. Sharon will explore whether we can have Express Preregistration through ACBL at our Regional
8. Calendar Review: Jamie is chairing the 0-200 April 20-21. Charlene is directing the 0-750 in Sun City. The City Championship 6/15 will be chaired by Raymond.
9. Mark wants to explore outreach programs to new players. Matt Clafin is a UT student who plays at the BCA and has started a bridge club at UT. Charlene is giving lessons there. It's difficult to get to the BCA from UT. Interest also in Austin's other colleges: Huston-Tillotson, ACC, Southwestern, Texas State and St. Ed's. Students get to pay half price for a game at the BCA. Charlotte Bringham brought 2 student players. Mickey will contact her and ask if she wants to be in charge of student publicity. Divergent discussion about if you bring in (how many) players who join the BCA, you receive \$35.00. Also discussed the need to recruit more teachers. Classes are held at sections and regionals. The BCA will also bankroll members who take the teacher courses. Mark Craig will run this by Rebecca to see if she's willing to take this on. If Rebecca declines, Mark Craig will head up this proposal. Stuart Litwin and Sharon Hoger have both volunteered to be worker bees.
10. New Business: Sharon will print out 15 game passes for Alex Labrey, who took our photos. Motion by Sharon, seconded by Stuart and all voted in favor
11. Adjournment moved by Raymond Borrego, seconded by Mickey and all in favor at 16:25

