

May 9, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting

1. Mark Craig called meeting to order at 1433. Members present were Mark Craig, Sharon Hoger, Mickey Goldwater, Earnestine Broyles, Stuart Litwin, Jamie Southerland and Rebecca Brown.
2. Sharon Hoger moved to accept the April minutes. Mickey seconded and all voted aye.
3. Mickey moved that we accept the May agenda. Sharon seconded and all voted aye.
4. Membership report by Earnestine: we have 959 members down from 961.
5. Treasurer's report: operating revenue was -\$66.00 for the month of April. Our investments were -\$3200. Our net was -\$2968.00. We have \$151,578.00 in the bank.
6. Lecture report: Larry Davis' had a poor showing. It was not posted on the website, but announced before every game. Steve Woods has a talk this Saturday 5/11 on winning ways with your partner. Rebecca made a flyer. Janis Lille is speaking on winning in bridge the second Saturday June 8. Ed Davis is speaking in August about winning in match points versus IMPs strategies. Alex Labry will speak in September on Voodoo Bridge.
7. Snacks are settled for the 0 to 50 this weekend Friday the 10th and Saturday the 11th. Mickey and Sharon have volunteered for cleanup Friday and Sharon for Saturday.
8. The Georgetown sectional in Sun City 0-750 seems to be on track for June 1-2.
9. Regional discussion: need transportation for 120 tables and other necessities from storage. We may hire a UHaul trailer or truck. We can move in on Sunday. We need volunteers for signage/banners. Sharon volunteered to go to Office Depot. Discussion of setting up volunteer spaces. Need to advertise for signups. There is a volunteer tool to signup online. Also event selling through Pat Berry who did it last time. We will need easels. Mickey has 2. We need to order \$2.00 bills, amount unknown. Jamie will order these. We'll need 120 bridge mates. Swiss teams do not necessarily need bridge mates. We'll ask Sally Sassen what was done previously. Discussion on having online entries. Sharon will ask Scott H about the feasibility of this plan. Mark Craig requested that anyone going to any outside tournaments to please take flyers. Stuart is going to Dallas and will take extra flyers for Rosemary Kelly to bring back to San Antonio. Caddy discussion: Rachel's granddaughter and maybe Pat Berry knows others. Caddies earn \$100.00 a day. Swiss teams are daily.
10. BCA will run the September sectional. Discussion of Galveston Regional at Sea bridge cruises interference with local Texas sectionals.
11. Outreach: next Thursday after the game, Mark will be speaking with Pam LaShelle about strategies. All are welcome to attend. Jamie spoke with Robert Todd (Chair of Education Foundation) about going to high and junior high school teacher's conferences to set up tables to investigate interest. Sally Sassen and Pam LaShelle are planning to go. (Looking for nerds in training.) It's called the Jump Start Bridge Program. You can include this blurb in 11. Jamie Southerland forwarded an email describing a program that the ACBL Educational Foundation is considering funding called the Jump Start Bridge Program, which is being led by Patty Tucker. They attend conferences of high school gifted and talented program supervisors to make the case for including bridge in the school's curriculum.
12. Rebecca has announced her candidacy for Region 9 (districts 15 and 16) Board of Directors for the ACBL. So far she is running unopposed. She may need to recuse herself from some other offices she represents (Charity Foundation) including the \$10,000.00 benefit the unit has suggested go to the Central Texas Food Bank.
13. Cindy Bell has suggested we bestow 2 free plays to the mentors who participated in our last mentor/mentee session. Sharon moved to accept this gift to the mentors, Mickey seconded and all voted in favor.
14. Mark Craig moved to adjourn, Sharon seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Nola Ray.