

July 11, 2024 Unit Board of Directors Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Mark Craig (MC) at 1420. Members present include Rebecca Brown (RBr), Jamie Southerland (JS), Raymond Borrego (RBo), Earnestine Broyles (EBr), Mickey Goldwater (MG), Stuart Litwin (SL), and by Zoom: Sharon Hoger (SH) and Nola Ray (NR). Rita Wiegenstein attended as the Club Coordinator.
2. MG moved to approve June minutes with RBr seconded and all in favor.
3. Rita W is the club coordinator and has been for over 5 years. She visits all our clubs yearly and tries to keep active with their needs with monthly phone calls or emails. The clubs are struggling with not having enough directors with backups, and enough players back from Covid. She had been asked to direct in Kingsland (Michael Luckenbach), which is 120 miles round trip from her home. She has also been asked by John Olson in Georgetown. Harry Ingham (San Marcos) also has issues with back up directors. She is hoping the Unit can help out with reciprocity for the fill in directors with mileage, paid for by the Unit or the club. She is hoping 10 new people will take the director's course for our Unit, possibly subsidized. Wiley and RBr took the course on line for \$75.00. Rita is hoping to have a managers and directors networking meeting during the September Sectional. MG suggested we have a coffee or lunch for this meeting. Rita suggested we find a inexpensive way to advertise for players. Impact is quite expensive. Another way to attract players is the use of a punchcard, where you pay for 5 games and get the 6th for free in our at risk clubs of Kingsland, San Marcos and Georgetown. Rita suggested we have a webpage for directors. RBo moved we ask Ken McMorran to design it. RBr seconded and all approved. Mary Cisneros is teaching in San Marcos. RBr moved we give \$100.00 for Mary for table sheets, seconded by MG and all approved. Lastly, Rita suggested we have an in person local director's course and director's refresher course to be paid for by the Unit as a form for networking for our directors.
4. Rita leaves around 1440.
5. Membership report by EBr: we have 960 members. We get \$8.00 per call to people who have not renewed. RBr suggested EBr have a committee so each person could help with the contacts.
6. Treasurers report by JS: we netted \$102.00, investments were up \$3024.00 and we have \$157,000.00 in the bank. JS said we made about \$20,000.00 on the Regional. 962.5 tables.
7. Larry had 2 night games. We charged him \$4.00 a table.
8. Regional Report: JS: we grossed \$57,530.00. Our expenses, not including the hotel, was \$30,851.00. We made \$24,500.00. SH commented that the daily Bulletin reported that there was a first aid kit and an eyeglass repair kit were available at the Hospitality Table. Neither were. SH suggested that we purchase these items before our next sectional. SH and MC noticed that of our 360 bidding boxes, about half need new bidding cards. SH moved that we replace these cards. SH also was told that the Swiss bidding cards had mold, possibly from being in the storage unit. We will be inspecting after our next Board Meeting. We will also clean out and toss items from the 2 horizontal files.
9. Lecture Update RBr: August 3rd, Ed Davis: Match Points vs IMPs Strategies. October 5, Alex Labrey on VooDoo Bridge. RBo will speak on Sept 7 on Alerts.
10. RBr is our Unit 207 representative to the Unit Board. The bylaws were amended to reflect changes to the ACBL level. The NAPs will now be held in Austin. The district will now provide lunch for the NAP participants. The district also gave \$1000 to the Jump Start program. The district has engaged a subcontractor for the web. We will have a new web design for the district.
11. Hotel Problems: some people had to pay \$32.00 for parking. The money was reimbursed but the process was very annoying. Also, they needed extra people at the coffee stand.
12. Shall we sign a new contract with this Hotel? JS moved to sign and seconded by EBr, all in favor.
13. Calendar: August 3-4 0-200 is EBr. August 15 Unit Champion Pairs is MCr. The September Sectional 9-(19-22) is Sally Sassen. RBo volunteered for the 0-50 on 10-12.

October 19 is the Lone Arranger. The 0-750 on November 2-3 are RBr and JS. On November 16 there is a Swiss. The 0-200 on November 30 to December 1 will be chaired by SH. And that leaves the Holiday Party on 12/14.

14. Free plays for Regional volunteers: one per day of volunteering. SH has a list of names as does EBr. Also Hospitality and Partnerships should have names. JS noted that the coupons need to be specified for both Unit or Club game.

15. EBr moved to approve the 2025 proposed dates. Seconded by MG and all approved.

16. RBo moved to adjourn, RBr seconded and all approved. Meeting finished at 1649.

Respectfully submitted by Nola Ray.