

Unit 207 Minutes December 12, 2024

1. Meeting called to order. Members present include Mark Craig, Sharon Hoger, Jamie Southerland, Mickey Goldwater, Rebecca Brown and Stuart Litwin. Raymond Borrego zoomed in and Nola Ray and Earnestine Broyles were absent.
2. Motion to approve the November minutes by RBr, seconded by MG and all approved.
3. Motion to approve the December agenda by MG, seconded by RBr and all approved.
4. Membership by JS: we have 961 members.
5. Special Guest Tom Bell: first, thanks for partnering with the BCA for the carpet. New proposal to paint the center with volunteer days in late January before the carpet is installed in February. So the walls need to have Unit plaques and bulletin boards removed, and the bookcases moved. Carpet to be laid in early February over 2 weekends.
6. Sun City is in the 94th percentile of tables per week. Higher than the BCA.
7. MG will make a Unit 207 club family tree to help instruct the bridge playing population about the Unit. It was stressed that the unit games need to be paid for in cash, not with prepaid cards. We have full plaques, various goodwill awards and the star awards and will need new plaques in the future per SH. About the older plaques, MG says that it's fun to see dead people.
8. Treasurers report by JS: we made \$4528.00 last month, operating revenue was down \$496.00. We gave \$1000.00 to Patty Tucker's group. We have \$179,000.00 in the bank.
9. RBr reported that Austin, Texas might be on the short list for having another NABC, as we got many positive reports from our previous National.
10. Lecture update: Pam LaShelle has agreed to speak. Topic and date TBA.
11. Storage update: MC, SH, SL and RBo will meet next week and scope out the new space and terms.
12. Holiday party: MG has ordered food from Mangione's for 50 people.
13. Election update: our candidates include Wiley McMinn, Ann Roe, George Watkins, Linda Gaston, Mickey Goldwater and Mark Craig. RBr has agreed to contact Ken McMorran with photos and bios of the candidates. We also need an email blast and notification of our proposed bylaw change one month before the vote at the annual meeting.
14. Open sectional dates for 2025 and 2026: we discussed the need to see if there are any conflicts with other tournaments. Larry is looking at different hotel venues. MC asked if there are any issues with the dates proposed.
15. Support for UT Bridge: there are issues with transportation from UT to the BCA. Discussion of Uber gift cards or reimbursing the students when they arrive at the BCA. Charlene Sands reported that she spoke with Matthew and they are not starting in January. The club will be closed for two weekends in February. They will have a discounted game fee of five dollars. The fee will be waived for players with 0 to 5 points. Volunteers will be sought to drive the students back to campus. We will revisit this in the future.
16. Motion for meeting adjournment by SH, seconded by MG and all approved. The meeting lasted 55 minutes.