

Texas Capital Bridge Association
ACBL Unit 207
Monthly Minutes: November 14, 2012

The Meeting was called to order by President, George Watkins, at 2:40.

Members Present: George Watkins, Mark Craig, Pam LaShelle, Robert Donathan, Joyce Cooper, Terry O'Brien, Harry Ingham and Ken MacMorran.

Old Business:

The financial statement for October was presented by Treasurer, Robert Donathan, It was moved and approved to accept the statement.

The minutes for the October meeting were presented by Secretary, Joyce Cooper. There was one amendment and it was moved and approved to accept the minutes.

New Business:

Kevin Perkins has asked for an additional set of boards and it was motioned and approved that the Unit make that purchase, in addition to the 3 sets approved earlier in the year.

It was agreed to keep the "charity games at NLM sectional tournaments. The current fee structure will remain the same until such time that we begin to lose money on the tournament. Thus far the NLM tournaments are break even events.

It was agreed to add afternoon single session Swiss games events at the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday May Open Sectional tournament.

The Annual Unit 207 Holiday Party will be on December 15, with sessions at 10:00 and 2:00 with lunch provided. Southern Hospitality will cater the 2 session complimentary event and it will be suggested that members bring a dessert. Morning hospitality will be provided by the Unit. Joyce Cooper or Larry Davis may be contacted for reservations. A notice with e-mails and phone numbers will be put in the next "George's Corner".

It was moved and approved to give \$100 toward the SAC annual holiday party as this event has been a long standing Club party that the Unit has supported for a number of years.

Mark McAllister has given notice that he does not have time to continue to maintain the Unit's web site. He asked Ken MacMorran if he would consider taking over the position. Ken has tentatively agreed, on the condition that the Club purchase software for that purpose: *Dreamweaver* is the program and the cost is approximately \$390 retail. It was moved and approved to do so.

Pam proposed that the Unit initiate an entry fee reduced program for students to play bridge at any of our Clubs where students might attend. It was moved and approved that the fee for students be one half of the normal cost of play with the Unit paying \$1.50 toward each student entry. This is contingent on the each Club picking up, or absorbing, any additional cost in entry fees. We will have a pilot program for 6-9 months to see if the offer helps bring in students.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40.