

## March 14, 2024 Unit 207 Board of Directors Meeting

1. Call to order by Sharon Hoger at 1410. Welcomes to the new board members Raymond Borrego (K243016), Earnestine Broyles (95047450) and Stuart Litwin (3848485). Others in attendance were Mark Craig, Mickey Goldwater, Jamie Southerland, Rebecca Brown and Nola Ray. Alex Labrey will attend our April meeting and take photos of the new board members. Sharon will be shopping for a brighter color of board name tags. This was suggested to make the name tags more visible.
2. Motion: approval of the February minutes by Raymond Borrego, seconded by Stuart Litwin and passed by all in attendance.
3. Motion: approval of March agenda by Raymond Borrego, seconded by Jamie Southerland, and passed by all in attendance.
4. Motion by Rebecca Brown of offices to be held by board members. Mark Craig President, Sharon Hoger Vice President, Jamie Southerland Treasurer, and Nola Ray Secretary. Seconded by Stuart Litwin and approved. Beth Tobias will serve as our Electronic Contact. Membership: Earnestine Broyles volunteered for this office. Barbara Clement can help Earnestine learn the position. Sharon made the nomination, Mark seconded the nomination and all were in favor.
5. Conflict of interest statements were collected by Nola Ray.
6. Treasurer's report was handed out. Raymond moved that we accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Mickey and approved by all.
7. Lecture program update by Rebecca Brown: Scott Humphrey gave a well attended lecture in March. Larry Davis will give a lecture on card combinations on April 6 starting at 12:30. Steve Wood will give a lecture on May 11, subject to be announced.
8. The June 1-2 NLM in Georgetown: Charlene will direct and will need to take everything: including boards, computer, and printer. Sharon will contact Georgetown to insure that we understand what is needed.
9. City championship June 15: Raymond Borrego volunteered to be chair with Sharon as co-chair. Responsibilities include posting a flyer, arranging for snacks and insuring that the trash is picked up and photographs taken of winners.
10. Austin Regional July 1-7: Pat Berry has knowledge of the price and procedure to dedicate games for individuals. The monthly newsletter will have the information posted. Raymond Borrego has volunteered to learn how to do this from Pat. There are posters to be placed at the games with a short reason for their sponsorship. Mickey Goldwater has volunteered to be caddy chair. Sharon has contacted Ken MacMorran to set up a volunteer app to help with hospitality, prizes and partnerships. Stuart mentioned to tell the membership that if they volunteer, they will get a free play. Pat Berry will be running the partnership desk. We discussed whether or not to ask Judy Alpert to sing the national anthem at the beginning of the regional. No decision was made.
11. Punchcard card promotion was tabled until needed.
12. Motion made by Rebecca on increasing local Director pay for tournaments in Austin from \$135 to \$149. Seconded by Nola and passed.
13. Charity of the year grant opportunity: Rebecca Brown is on the district 16 committee and vice president of the ACBL charity foundation. This year our district receives \$10,000 to give to as few or as many charities as we choose. The charities need to provide their 501C3 status and a write up to describe why we should choose them. Rebecca suggested the Texas Capital Food Bank. Jamie found that the charity feeds 300,000 clients over an area of twice the size of Massachusetts. A motion was made by Jamie to give our money to the Texas Capital Food Bank, seconded by Sharon and all were in favor. Raymond will write up a blurb for this choice.
14. Nola asked the board to please pay for the Zoom app so that she can continue to take the minutes when she will be absent. Sharon made a motion that we get the zoom app. Jamie will get the app. The price is about \$150. We could also present the lectures by the zoom app. Nola seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 1500.