

Jan 9, 2025 Unit 207 Board of Directors Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 1429. Members present include Mark Craig, Sharon Hoyer, Jamie Southerland, Raymond Borrego, Rebecca Brown and Stuart Litwin. Nola Ray and Mickey Goldwater attended via Zoom. Special guests include Beth Tobias, Larry Davis and Ken McMorran.
2. Motion to approve the December minutes by RBr, seconded by SH and all voted aye.
3. Motion to approve the January agenda by SH, seconded by JS and all voted aye.
4. Ken McMorran and Beth Tobias attended to discuss the election of new officers. We like to do this electronically. Last year Ken McMorran sent out 25 snail mail ballots to those members who do not have email addresses, of which only two were returned.
5. We need to have six candidates to run. Wiley McMinn has had to drop out. And Mickey Goldwater cannot be considered until the bylaws are changed at our annual meeting. This leaves us with four candidates: Ann Roe, Linda Gaston, George Watkins and Mark Craig. Ken and Beth need our slate of candidates as soon as possible. RBr has offered to find two new candidates. We do accept nominations from the floor during the Annual Meeting. Beth Tobias reported that there are 27 new members to the unit. These new members have not provided email addresses. SH has volunteered to contact these folks. Ken has also requested volunteers to check our voting app before the actual election.
6. Larry Davis came to give us an update on our regionals and open sectionals. The Regional is essentially the same contract with the Doubletree as we have used before. He is submitting dates for 2027 and 2028 for our open sectionals. Just a reminder, we have 8 limited sectionals per year. We have 3 0-750s, 3 0-300s, 2 0-50s and 4 open sectionals. It seems that the NAP will continue to be in Austin, since we have 3 directors in Austin. It's great and so that means January will be here and I'm hoping that the district board continues to allow the sectional to be one weekend and the NAP another weekend. This June there will be 0-750 in Sun City at the Cowan Amenity Center. Everyone on the board will have access to the dates, but only the president will have the ability to make changes.
7. Membership report by SH: we have 954 members.
8. Treasurers report by JS: we had a loss last month of \$3539.00, unrealized losses of \$2390.00 and losses of the operating losses of \$1744.00. We had the holiday party which cost nearly \$1000.00. December and January tournaments: 0-50, we lost \$500.00, at this point, it appears we made about \$1000.00 on the January sectional. We still have \$175,000.00 in investments and banks.
9. Lecture report by RBr: Philip Jaeger will speak on February 1st. Pam LaShelle will speak on March 8th.
10. Storage unit update by MC: volunteers needed to sort and toss out our unusable contents and move what we want to keep to our new storage facility. JS suggested we hire a moving company. SH agreed that we are all elderly and this seems like a good idea. January 18th is when we decided to meet.
11. Annual meeting (on Saturday February 15th) bylaw changes: Ken McMorran printed out four pages of bylaws. SL concisely described our bylaw desired changes: that members of the board be allowed to run three terms consecutively and that members which were restricted to 7.5 years be changed to 10.5 years. These changes need to be presented to the membership 10 days before the annual meeting. These can be an email blast and or in our weekly email newsletter. RBr read that we only need 2/3 of the attendees at the annual meeting for the bylaw changes to be adopted. RBr moved that if we have three spots to be filled, that we have more than three candidates, but not specifying a certain number. SL seconded and all voted aye. SH will compose the agenda for the annual meeting.
12. Stipends for NAP winners: previously we have given \$200 a person to represent Austin in the NAP finals at the nationals. SH moved that we pay the NAP winners, the same as the GNT winners. MC seconded and all voted in favor.
13. We will move our Eight is Enough to April 12, 2025.

14. Do we need to discuss the Caddy situation yes no? Better communication perhaps?
Question about if you are directing, can you also receive a caddying stipend? The consensus was that we do not pay someone to both direct and caddy for the same game.
15. SH moved to adjourn, RBo seconded, and all left the building.