

Belton Bridge Center Minutes

August 21, 2023

Present: Norman Duttweiler, Kathy Clark, Peter Goodman, Alison Mann

Absent: Ron Francey, Susan Michelson, Susan Elkin

Guest: Julie Reiser

Norman called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

The June, 2023 minutes were approved.

Ron Francey resigned from the Board citing his need to be away frequently and thus unable to meet his Board commitments. Resignation was accepted.

Norman moved to nominate Julie Reiser to replace Ron on the Board. Peter seconded. Motion passed.

Financials: Kathy presented the financial report. Kathy pointed out that the materials for the parking lot ran higher than expected. Donations in memory of Patsy Hackler and Betty Ball, Carly Metheny, and Gail Van Eckeren have come in. Alison will send out thank you notices to donors and notices of donors and condolences to the families when Kathy gives her the list. Norman asked to have a comparison of financial status from 2022 to current year. Peter moved and Julie seconded to accept the report. Motion passed. Report is posted on the Bulletin Board. **Action:** Kathy to do a financial comparison in the future.

Tournament: The tournament is scheduled for October 7 & 8. Rob Van Eckeren will act as house assistant to Bob Craig, Director. Linda Spengler will do the boards and hand records. Should we purchase new sets of cards? Cost will be \$280. plus tax. Peter moved to order cards, Alison seconded. Motion passed. Some bid boxes need to have their cards replaced and boxes wiped. The Board will do that before the tournament.

Kathy stated that club members will be asked to sign up to bring breakfast and lunch food for Saturday. Sunday lunch will be paid for by the club. Norman will be sending posters announcing the tournament to regional clubs. Chickie Lerdal's grandchild will serve as runner on Sunday.

Unit Games: The El Paso club will have their sectional on September 9th and 10th. Normally, Belton would have its Unit Game on September 10th, but as a support for El Paso, the Unit game that day will be cancelled. **Action:** Norman will send out a notice to that effect. Norman stated that Board members need to attend Unit games. Previously, there were sign-up sheets for refreshments for Unit games. That needs to be reinstated. The next Unit game is August 27th.

Action: Norman will send out a notice to club members reminding them after games to help pick up to keep the Club tidy.

Education: Julie reported that about six people are regularly attending classes. She would like the next sessions to be team taught. It would be great to have a beginners game. **Action:** Norman will contact Dave Allen about a Thursday game with a low limit for brand new players, and then send out a survey.

We need to get more directors. Ellen Schneider and Hector Escarpita have shown an interest. Peter also might be interested in becoming a Director. **Action:** Julie will follow up with them.

Article XII -Dissolution and Nonprofit Status of Club: Kathy read the ACBL rules which prevent a dissolution with income to a private entity or individual. After discussion, It was felt that the income from the sale of the building and any remaining income in the treasury, could be left to a nonprofit organization.

Memorial Plaques: Action: Norman will order plaques.

Norman adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Mann, Secretary