## **Unit 201 Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Worsham. In attendance were board members Dave Becker, E.W. Sweeney, Arline Meyers, Kris Cherry, Nixie Lynch, and Executive Secretary, John Smalley. Absent board members were Linda Briggs, Kay Hooper, Paul Aguillard, Martha Oliver, Donna McFerrin, and Liz Mackenzie.

The minutes from the Oct. meeting were approved. John gave the financial reports for the months of Oct. and Nov. He also reported that the Regional Tournament made over \$13,000. Kris reported that the Orange Club is doing very well. Carolyn reported that we have 213 members in our unit.

In Old Business, the dates and chairs for the 2016 tournaments have been set. The 61<sup>st</sup> Beaumont Spindletop Sectional will be March 3-6 and chaired by Liz Mackenzie and Kay Hooper. The 499'er Tournament will be August 18-20 and chaired by Frances Price. The Sabine Neches Sectional will be October 13-16 and chaired by Linda Briggs and Pat Bell.

In New Business, there was a discussion about the Texas Star Award and Goodwill honorees. Nominations were considered and a motion made by Dave and seconded by E.W. The motion passed and the names will be announced at the appropriate time. The Texas Star Award will be given in Jan. in Houston and the Goodwill awards will be given in June at the membership meeting.

There was a discussion about the games for the 499'er Tournament. E.W. moved and Nixie seconded that all the games will be pairs (no Swiss teams). The motion passed. A change was also noted in that the dates are a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

There was a discussion about the outside trash cans blowing over at times. A committee of John, Dave, and Tim Stelly will look into a solution for this problem.

John provided the board with some clarification on the Tuesday game point limitations. The game is an invitational game with all pairs limited to an average point value of 1000 points.

There was a discussion about ways to encourage our newest players to attend our open games. No action was taken and the discussion will be tabled for the next meeting.

A Life Master Party will be given for Linda Briggs on Jan. 9. Hosting this party will be Carolyn Worsham, Lou Ida Rising, Lucille Armintor, June Eddingston, Janis and Don Williams, Lynda Jones, Juanell Jones, and Marilyn Adams.

A Life Master Party will be given for Don and Janis Williams on Feb. 20. Hosting this party will be Susan and Jerry Gore, Kimberly Goodson, and Fred Rice.

Congratulations to all three new Life Masters!

Congratulations to John and Nancy Smalley for becoming Diamond Life Masters and a party date will be announced later.

Our next Board meeting will be Feb. 8.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Cherry, Secretary