DATE: Monday, October 9, 2017

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.

# The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Worsham

#### 11 Board Members were Present:

- Carolyn Worsham, Susan Nimmo, Linda Briggs, E. W. Sweeney, Nixie Lynch, Liz Mackenzie, Kay Hooper, Sandra Allison, Patsy Pierce, Kimberly Goodson, and Executive Secretary, John Smalley
- o Absent Board Members: Kris Cherry and Martha Oliver

# The Minutes from the August 2, 2017 meeting were approved.

#### Reports

o **Financials:** John gave the financial reports for the months of August and September 2017. John said a notable item was the September Receipt of \$9,950.00 for Hurricane Harvey donations. Carolyn added HEB gave us a \$390 gift card as a discount for purchasing \$10,000 in gift cards giving us a total of \$10,340. We mailed HEB gift cards for \$500 each to 21 members whose homes flooded.

John reported the attendance was down for the 499erTournament due to Hurricane Harvey and no visitors from out of town. There were 37 tables. No questions were raised so the financials were filed forward.

- o Orange: No report
- Membership: Carolyn reported membership was 185 not including recent deaths. She reminded board members recruiting was left up to club members to increase membership.

#### **Old Business**

# 2017 Tournament Updates:

- o August 17-19 499er Sectional Tournament. Frances Price chairman
- October 12-14 Sabine Neches Sectional. Co-Chairs E.W. and Liz Mackenzie. Tournament is a Thursday to Saturday tournament. All games are pair games. E.W. reported there were food sign-up sheets for Thursday and Friday. Luby's is catering on Saturday. The cost is \$6.00 a plate. John recommended ordering less since we have had left overs in the past. Katie is lined up to serve.

# 2018 Tournament Updates:

- 2018 Spindletop Sectional March 8-11, 2018: Kris Cherry and Sandra Allison volunteered to serve as co-chairs.
  Tournament is a Thursday to Saturday tournament. John has filed the paper work and said we could change the dates to add a Sunday. No changes were proposed.
- Beaumont 499er Sectional August 16-18, 2018: Susan Nimmo agreed to serve as co-chair. A chairman was not selected.
- The Sabine Neches Sectional is October 4-6, 2018. Linda Briggs and Kay Hooper will serve as chair persons.
  Linda said they are waiting on a response from hotels for out of town visitors.

**Golden Age Master Award Recipients**: Martha, Kay, and Nixie are chair persons. Kay reported that Martha has put the event on the back burner for now.

#### **New Business:**

Carolyn asked to appoint a committee to select Unit 209 Texas Star (1) and Goodwill Award (2) recipients before the
 December board meeting. Linda, E.W., Nixie, and Patsy volunteered to nominate recipients.

# **Announcements**

- 5% Gold **SWISS TEAM** Games in Beaumont in October Monday, 1p, Oct 9; Tuesday, 1p, Oct 10; Wednesday, 9a, Oct 11; Friday, 1p, Oct 20, Thursday, 1p (Mentor Team), Oct 26. Linda proposed moving one Gold Swiss team game during the week of a tournament.
- Oct 16 –Carolyn reported STOP cards will be removed from the bidding boxes after the October 12-14 tournament.
- Nov 4 Two-Session NAP Unit Qualifier beginning at 9:30 a.m. for RED and GOLD points
- Nov 11 Life Master Party for Richard and Marianna Carpenter hosted by Martha West and others from Rayburn Country.
  Luby's is catering the lunch. Fifteen tables max are expected.
- Date for the "Bling" Celebration for new Silver, Ruby, and Sapphire Life Masters will be scheduled after January, 2018.
  - o Silver (1,000 MPs) Marilyn Adams (2017), Pat Bell (2016), Liz Mackenzie (2016), Ron Sanders (2016)
  - Ruby (1,500 MPs) Kaz Bell, Vivian Breedlove, Juanita Dean, June Eddingston, Jack Evans (2016), Loretta Gary,
    Joan Hataway, Beverly Hulsey, Mary Johnson, Juanell Jones, Marian Jones, Bob McGill, Patsy Pierce, Betty
    Poindexter, Blanche Sibley, Anna Smith, Tim Stelly, Mary Lou Terry, Jerry Triggs
  - Sapphire (3,500 MPS) Dr. Aiyanadar Bharathi, Flo Gillispie, Martha Sigler, Cynthia Stueber (2016)

Adjournment Kimberly Goodson October 9, 2017