DATE: Monday, December 11, 2017

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Worsham

9 Board Members were Present:

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

The Minutes from the October, 2017 meeting were approved. Reports

- Financials: John gave the financial reports for the months of October and November 2017. There was discussion about the drop in game attendance due to the elimination of the Sunday & Monday evening games, members affected by Hurricane Harvey, and member deaths. John pointed out that even though some games were eliminated, members are showing up at other game times. Carolyn reported that one recipient of the Harvey gift card program returned the gift to be divided and re-distributed to 2 other families. No other questions were raised so the financials were filed forward.
- Orange: No report. Carolyn told the board Ed reported the Orange club members were struggling and many have not returned.
- o **Membership**: Carolyn reported on the following membership stats:
 - o New Member Jeannete Johnson (Brookeland)
 - o Transfers In Bob Echols and Nita James (Lufkin)
 - o Transfers Out Mary Johnson and Rebecca Lemons
 - o Deceased Ray Trahan and Lela Wilson (Gretchen Glass was not an ACBL member)
 - o Life Masters Unpaid- Dana and Joan Burnett
 - New Bronze Life Master John Kacher
 - New Diamond Life Master Dr. Bharathi

Membership by Masterpoints in December 2017/December 2016 (/200 total)											
0-100	100-200	200-300	Adv/Life	Bronze	Silver	Ruby	Gold	Sapphire	D'mond	P'num	Grand
71/?	2/?	6/?	7/5	21/22	16/14	18/20	5/5	3/4	3/2	1/1	1/1

Old Business

2017 Tournament Updates:

 October 12-14 – Sabine Neches Sectional. Co-Chairs E.W. and Liz Mackenzie. Board members complimented their efforts to host a good tournament despite the interruption of Hurricane Harvey. The net gain was \$1,023.04. John said they did a good job keeping costs down.

2018 Tournament Updates:

- o 2018 Spindletop Sectional March 8-11, 2018: Kris Cherry and Sandra Allison
- o Beaumont 499er Sectional August 16-18, 2018: Susan Nimmo and ?
- o The Sabine Neches Sectional is October 4-6, 2018. Linda Briggs and Kay Hooper

Golden Age Master Award Recipients: Board members discussed whether to move forward with this event or remove from the calendar. Linda moved to remove the event and EW seconded. The motion passed.

New Business:

- Texas Star Recipient was Carolyn Worsham presented by Linda Briggs on Friday, December 8, 2017.
- Hospitality Award Recipients have been selected and will be announced and presented with their award/pins in January at a game in which they are present.
- A Plan for Waste Reduction of Paper Goods was proposed by Carolyn starting with the use of coffee cups and glasses
 instead of plastic/ Styrofoam cups. Patsy moved to adopt the plan, Liz seconded. Motion passed. This topic lead to a
 discussion concerning the waste of paper towels in the restrooms. No action was taken.
- Rayburn Country is applying for their own sanction. John encouraged this move.
- Funding for Director test: Carolyn is considering taking the Director's Course at the Lone Star Regional in 2018. Linda moved she receive funding for director's course, Liz seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements

- Jan 13 "Bling" Celebration for new Silver, Ruby, and Sapphire Life Masters. Board members will host with menu of pork tenderloin, green beans, potatoes and brownies.
- Feb 10 Dr. Bharathi's Diamond Life Master Party hosted by Tipton Golias.
- Spring Susan Gore's Life Master Party was discussed. Carolyn is checking with Susan on a date.

Adjournment
Kimberly Goodson
December 11, 2017