

ACBL Unit 201 – Sabine Neches Chapter Minutes for April 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Becker at 12:05. The members in attendance were Dolores Belton, Jerry Heckman, E.W. Sweeney (late), Arline Meyers, Carolyn Worsham, Patsy Pierce, Nixie Lynch, and Sally Blewett. Those members not in attendance were Martha Oliver, Kris Cherry, and Linda Briggs.

The minutes for the February meeting were not officially approved; however, they are posted at http://www.u201.org/pdf/2014/2014_02_Minutes.pdf.

In John Smalley's absence, the financial reports for February, March, and the March sectional tournament were distributed by Nixie Lynch. Two items were noted: (1) investments have been transferred from Wells Fargo to Edward Jones, and (2) the sectional tournament netted \$3861.45. The reports were approved and will be filed for audit.

There was no Old Business; however, several comments were made regarding recent events:

- (1) Sally Blewett and Patsy Pierce were thanked for chairing the recent tournament. Attendance was up from last year.
- (2) Mary Jane Garth and Carolyn Worsham were thanked for chairing Dolores Belton's party.
- (3) Tim Stelly was thanked for solving the hot water problem.
- (4) Dave reported that bids have been sought for trimming the bushes and cleaning the floors.

Under New Business, Jerry Heckman moved and Patsy Pierce seconded that we award the proceeds (\$496.00) from our Charity games to Some Other Place. President Becker will personally make the presentation.

The Board directed Joan Hataway (with help from others) to submit a proposal to District 16 for a portion of the Charity of the Year Grant that was awarded to District 16. This year's designated organization is Some Other Place. Joan Hataway was appointed to chair a committee to determine next year's charity of choice for U201.

The possible purchase of a suitable public address system for the studio was presented; however, E. W. Sweeney told the group that he has a system he will donate.

Sally Blewett shared the ACBL's recommendation that a local Goodwill Committee be formed to welcome new participants and attempt to improve the perception of duplicate bridge in our community. She suggested that current honorees, Patsy Pierce and Linda Briggs, chair the committee. President Becker encouraged giving more of our members an opportunity to take leadership roles in club activities.

President Becker appointed Dolores Belton, E W. Sweeney, and Liz MacKenzie to the Nominating Committee for the 2014-2015 Board. The two-year terms of Arline Meyers, Carolyn Worsham, Jerry Heckman, Nixie Lynch, and Dave Becker expire in June. Sally Blewett's term serving in an ex-officio capacity will also expire. Sally stated she would continue to bring news from ACBL from her role as member of two national committees.

The following events are scheduled:

May 3 - Party honoring John and Nancy Smalley (hosted by Tipton Golias, Sally Blewett, and Patsy Pierce)

May 8-18 - STaC games

May 26 - Memorial Day Hot Dogs (hosted by Betty and Dick Poindexter)

May 29 - Beaumont Country Club Game

June 2 - Membership Meeting

June 9 - Board Meeting

June 14 - Beverly Leger's Gold Life Master Party (hosted by Betty Poindexter, Martha Sigler, and June Eddingston)

June 21 – The Longest Day (a two-session event)

September 13 - Miriam Cooper's Life Master Party (hosted by Dave Becker and others)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Worsham (in absence of secretary)