

Gulf Coast Bridge Association
Unit 180
Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President, Richard Bussoff, at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Richard Bussoff, Michael Moses, Betty Ann Jones, Lynne Logan, Carol Fisher, Marilyn Kopan, Bruce Stinson, Pat Bannister, Sylvia Briscoe, Jerry Grissom, and Ann Hough.

Members Absent: Adrienne Lane, Jay Segarra, and Arun Limaye.

Copies of the last Board of Directors Meeting, Nov. 13, 2012, were passed out and read by all. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Pat Bannister and seconded by Jerry Grissom. The motion was passed.

Members received a copy of the Dec. 31, 2012 Balance Sheet. Lynn Logan, Treasurer, presented an oral review of the report. A highlight noted was the profit made from the December Sectional Tournament.

No other committee reports were presented.

Old Business:

- Two quotes were presented for the tree removal. A motion was made by Bruce Stinson, seconded by Marilyn Kopan and passed by members: have the tree cut and removed by a licensed & bonded person for \$200.00. The President requested that Lynn Logan contact the individual and review copies of his/her license and insurance. If all documents are in order, the work can be completed for \$200.00.
- 2012 Weed and Feed Contract/four times per year was made with TruGreen-ChemLawn. This service includes spraying to kill the weeds and fertilizing grounds for \$880.00 plus tax. Marilyn Kopan made a motion to continue the service for 2013. The motion was seconded by Mike Moses and passed by the members.

New Business:

- Statement of Independence Document is required for a non-profit organization. Board members are required to sign the document indicating that they are not related to any other board member. Documents were signed by present members and will be kept with Board Minutes.
Bruce Stinson questioned the need to read, understand & signed the organization's "Conflict of Interest" policy. Lynn Logan indicated that these papers were with the Board Papers which are kept by the Secretary.
- The President instructed the Secretary or Board's Liaison Person with ACBL to obtain a hardcopy of the ACBL Score Handbook. If a hardcopy does not exist, a copy should be printed from the ACBL Score Program. The Secretary was assigned the responsibility of seeing that this task was completed.
- Unit 180 Committee List was completed. Lynn Logan will sent a copy of this list to ACBL.

Electronic Contact, Business Mgr, & Tourn Cord
Disciplinary Chair & Education Liaison

Lynne Logan
Rick Logan

Recorder
Membership Chair
STaC, GNT, & NAP Coordinator
Publicity Chair
Hospitality Chair
Intermediate/Newcomer Chair
Web Master
Charity Chair

Betty Ann Jones
Marilyn Kopan
John Turner
Caroline Fisher
Jan Bussoff
Bruce Stinson
Don Kemp
Mike Moses

- The President reviewed the three main principles of the Unit 180 By-Laws. These principles center on the idea of increasing membership. Through the use of “brainstorming” techniques, members are expected to select ideas/events that will increase membership, attendance, and enjoyment. Several suggestions were given by the President: raffle, prizes, C Player Plaques/Certificates, A/C Games, Chicago Games, Instance Scores, 0 -5 or 0-100 games, and finding solutions to “why” members are not attending (sectional games, travel, etc.). Future Board Meetings will address ways to fulfill the By-Law Principles
- To encourage attendance and to discover why members are not attending, all non-active members will be contact by telephone. Marilyn Kopan will review the membership list and note names of inactive members. She and her committee members will contact the inactive members.
- Point count has not been finalized for the Category 0 -100 January, 2012 Player, who earned the most points by end of December 2012. The official document should be available by February, 2012.
- President requested that he be contacted by telephone not e-mail.

Meeting was adjourned through a motion made by Lynn Logan and seconded by Pat Bannister.

Respectfully Submitted by
Betty Ann Jones