

Unit 201 Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, August 2, 2017

TIME: 11:45 am

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Worsham

9 Board Members were Present:

- Kris Cherry, Carolyn Worsham, Susan Nimmo, Linda Briggs, Liz Mackenzie, Kay Hooper, Sandra Allison, Kimberly Goodson, and Executive Secretary, John Smalley
- **Absent Board Members:** E. W. Sweeney, Nixie Lynch, Martha Oliver, Patsy Pierce
- **Guest visit to U201 by Paul Cuneo.** He gave a presentation about the current affairs and future goals of the ACBL.

The Minutes from the June 12, 2017 meeting were approved.

Reports

- **Financials:** John gave the financial reports for the months of June and July 2017. John said notable expenses were The Hartford payment and a plumbing repair to women's restroom. The financials were approved unanimously
- **Orange:** Kris Cherry reported 14 people are taking the Beginning Bridge course. Carolyn said she and Ed can post scores on the U201 website. Phyllis Ryan will direct an Open Game in Orange on Friday, August 18, at 10:00 AM during the 499er tournament.
- **Membership:** Carolyn reported membership as 192 members, down from 201 members on January 1, 2017

Old Business

2017 Tournament Updates:

- **August 17-19 – 499er Sectional Tournament.** Frances Price chairman. Games are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Snacks and lunches provided. Participants can earn SILVER points.
- **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.

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.
- **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.

Update on the Longest Day – Carolyn reported the club raised approximately \$7,500. She thinks the total could be more when table fees and matching grant fees are counted.

Golden Age Master Award Recipients: Martha, Kay, and Nixie are chair persons. Carolyn distributed a list of eligible members leaving the chairmen to determine the starting point for Golden Age Master Designation.

Charity for 2018: Kimberly suggested **Grow to Share**, a garden project of the Nutrition & Services for Seniors. Kay moved to approve the proposal. Kay seconded and the motion passed.

New Business:

Announcements

- **August 3-6:** Bayou Contraband NLM Gold Rush Regional and Sectional Tournament in Lake Charles. John was directing and said U201 has lent them some of our bidding boxes.

- **Labor Day** – Hot dogs provided by Betty Poindexter along with Kay and Liz.

- **The “Bling” Celebration** for new Silver, Ruby, and Sapphire Life Masters is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 16th**. Chair persons are E.W. and Patsy. Carolyn proposed that we select a **practice forward** of either celebrating the “bling” groups separately or celebrate them together. The majority voted to celebrate the groups together.

- **November 11** – Life Master Party in Beaumont for **Richard and Marianna Carpenter** hosted by Martha West and others from Rayburn Country.

Adjournment

Kimberly Goodson

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