

Minutes of Unit 174 Board Meeting

March 3, 2008

Bridge Studio of Houston

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. Board members present were Jolie Hess, Vice President, Karen Nimmons, Secretary, Joyce Ryan, Ed Groner, Pat Levy, Lauri Laufman, John Erickson, and JoDene Bond. Also present was Jim Woodward, Treasurer.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY BOD MEETING

The minutes were approved by electronic poll.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim passed out copies of the March 2008 balance sheet. The board reviewed various expenditures. MOTION: was made to approve the balance sheet as presented. It was seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards/Flyers – Lauri

Lauri reported that the awards for April have been secured. Bert has the Ace of Clubs certificates and she has the McKinney medallions.

Life Master Plaques have been ordered for Ellen Greenfield, Francine Hargrove, Nolan Bedford, Donna Frederick and Jack Roth.

Lauri wants to preorder another 50 plaques from Post Oak Trophy and will wait and see what they say. Normally, they want a minimum of 100 to be preordered.

April Sectional flyers are about to go out. HBS asked if she would include flyers of their upcoming 299er tournament.

Bridge in Schools – Jolie (for Carlyne Fox)

No news reported.

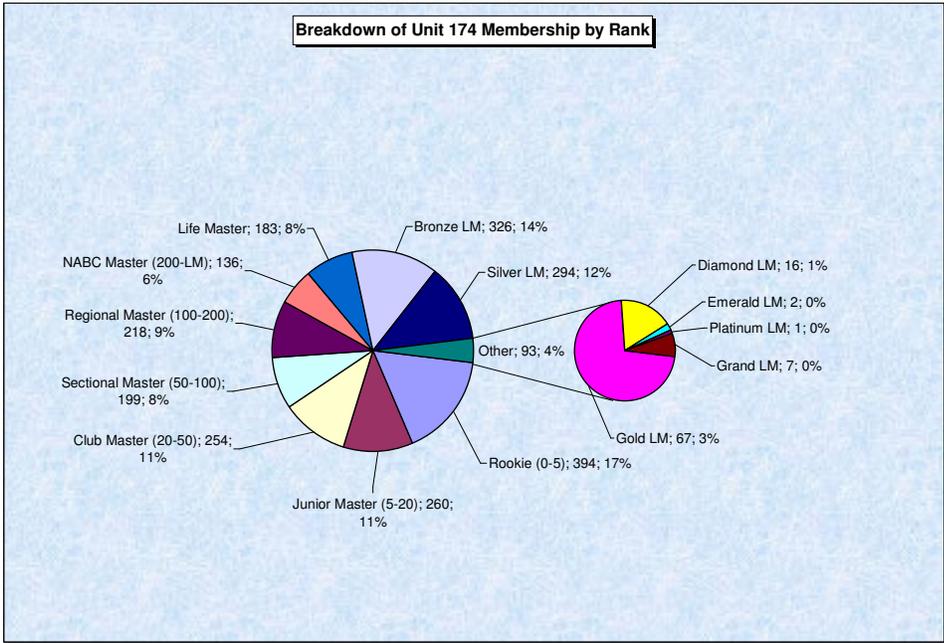
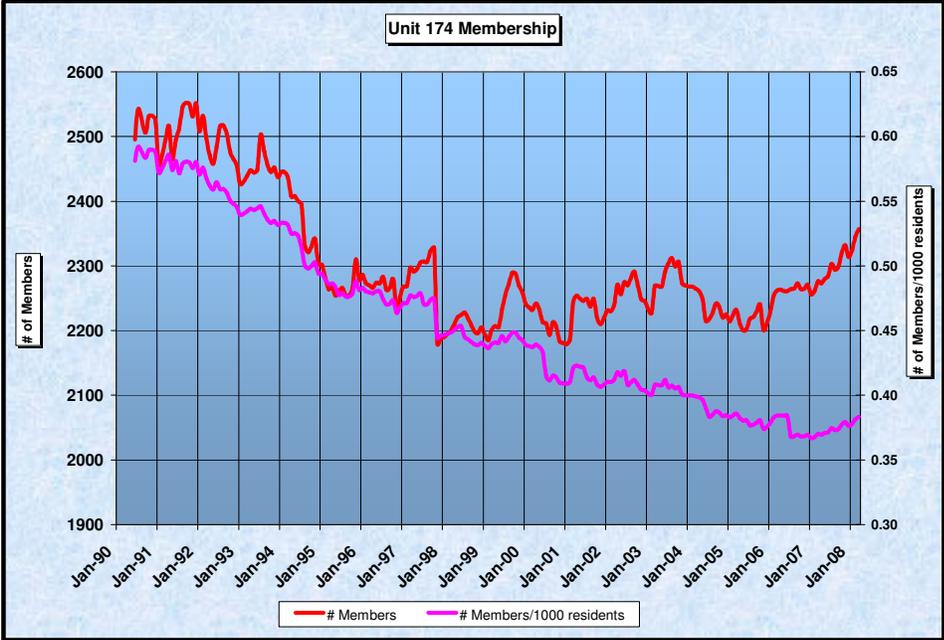
Communications Committee – Jolie (for Betty Freedman)

Jolie quoted from Bert's report that Betty and her committee are working hard making phone calls. She gave Bert an update of her committee's work.

Membership – Jolie (for Bert)

Bert reported in his report that membership is up 12 from 2345 to 2357. He noted that this is the highest total since July 1994. We had 26 new members and Bert reports the trend is looking good. Membership is up 12 from 2345 to 2357; this is the highest total since July 1994! We had 26 new members.

Following are charts showing the membership trend and the breakdown of members by masterpoint holding.



Fund Raising – Jolie

Jolie had no report.

I/N, Education and Book Sales – Joyce

Joyce reported she sold 28 books last month. She also placed an order for more Bidding, Heart and Adventures in Duplicate books.

The Monday evening beginner game had 8 tables last week. All the players received a copy of Adventures in Duplicate.

During the LSR, the bidding cards went over well as did the Edith McMullin materials. The Austin I/N coordinator has asked to use the materials for their upcoming regional.

NAP/GNT – Ed

12 Flight B teams and 2 Flight C teams competed in the Feb. 17 unit finals of the GNT at the Bridge Studio of Houston.

The director of the games said she would like to have an earlier starting time next year.

Ed would like to press for written conditions of contest covering District 16's procedures for substitutions and augmentations of GNT teams. Jolie recommended he re-send his proposal to Sandy Campbell (District 16 GNT Coordinator) with a copy to Larry Davis (District 16 President). Ed agreed to do so.

STaC and Goodwill – Karen

Karen said she sent one card out last month and there is nothing to report on STaC at this time.

Supplies – John

John reported he will inventory everything in the warehouse next week.

Tournament Coordination – Pat

Jolie recommended to Pat that she start securing locations and hotels for next year's tournaments and negotiations with the Marriott need to begin soon as our contract with them expires in 2010. And also a hotel for the August sectional needs to be found.

OLD BUSINESS

April Sectional – Karen & Lauri

Karen reported everything is running according to schedule. Demeris catering will provide the Sunday meal and Gulf Coast Catering will set up a concession stand.

June Sectional – JoDene

JoDene reported there will be a silent auction at the sectional. She also reported Barbara Nance was looking for the flyers but they have not yet been printed. They will be available at the April Sectional. Everything else is running smoothly. She also reported that Barbara Nance requested the on-line flyer be put up along with the silent auction information on Arlene's website.

August Sectional – Pat

Pat reported that ACBL did not like the strats she submitted and will need to call and straighten things out. She said they were the same as the April sectional and doesn't understand why they were rejected.

On-Line Partnership Desk – John

John reported that as of right now, the plan is on hold. The board needs to look for someone else as Tom Stevenson is no longer interested in pursuing this matter.

2008 Lone Star Regional – Bert

Bert included in his report to the board a P&L of the Regional to date. Some costs have yet to come in, but he reports a profit of \$11, 465.76. There was quite a discussion about the increase in the cost of the caddies and Jolie and Pat were going to investigate what other Regionals pay and how many caddies are needed per section.

There was also discussion about relocating the I/N area.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Games in Brazos Valley

The board received an e-mail from Barbara Nance requesting funds to sponsor the bridge games. The board reviewed and discussed her e-mail. MOTION: was made not to participate in the Brazos Valley Senior Games. It was seconded and approved.

Beginner Games – Joyce

Joyce was asked to write up a proposal for next month's meeting for the board to review.

Club Subsidy- Jolie

MOTION: was made to pay the postage of \$62.00 for the mailing of the flyers advertising the 0-20 games. It was seconded and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board met in executive session for 10 minutes.

ADJOURN

MOTION: was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Nimmons, Secretary