



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Annual Meeting
Stafford Convention Center
May 3, 2009

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. Present were Jolie Hess - President, Pat Levy - Vice President, Bert Onstott - Secretary, Jim Woodward – Treasurer, Karen Nimmons, Joyce Ryan, Lauri Laufman, John Erickson and Bob Dowlen.

Approval of 2008 Minutes

The minutes of the 2008 annual meeting were submitted for approval.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved by a show of hands. There were no dissenting votes.

Financial Report

Jim Woodward reported on the financial state of the Unit. He highlighted these items:

2008 Profit & Loss

- Income: \$250,591
- Expenses: \$244,581
- Surplus: \$6,010

2008 Balance Sheet @ year end

- Current assets \$139,215
- Reserved for NABC \$71,496

Basically the unit is in fine financial shape.

Motion: To approve the Financial Report as submitted.

The motion was seconded and approved by a show of hands. There were no dissenting votes.

Old Business

Web based partnership

As promised last year, the Unit now has a web based partnership site. It is on the web at www.Unit174Partnership.com. It works for all unit clubs and tournaments. It helps players find suitable partners for specific games; it does not automatically pair anyone.

The more it's used, the more useful it will be.

Social Bridge Initiative

As mentioned last year, the Unit is attempting to attract social bridge players to duplicate as a means of increasing membership.

Two events have been held; one last October and one a week ago in April. Each event consisted of introductory classes, lunch, and a short duplicate game. The events are intended for those with limited or no duplicate experience.

Both events were well attended, with 21 and 16 tables, respectively.

This program is probably at least partly responsible for the jump in membership.

The Unit intends to hold these events about twice a year.

New Business

NABC Report

Eric Snow reported on the results of the Spring 2009 NABC which was held in March at the Hilton Americas.

Tournament details

- Total of 9,728 tables, compared to estimate of 10,300 tables over 11 days.
- Attended by local players, players from around the country and around the world.
- Something for everyone –beginners, experts, seniors, juniors, and international stars.
- Terrific hospitality and entertainment every day and every night.
- The feedback from players, staff and management was overwhelmingly positive.

Benefits for the unit/district

- Made a profit in the neighborhood of \$50,000.
- Made positive impression on out of area players who are more likely to return for our other tournaments.
- Made positive impression on ACBL staff and management to schedule another NABC in Texas in the future.

Please give a big round of THANKS to all of the volunteers who helped plan, finance, and implement such a fabulous tournament.

Presentation of Awards

Mini-McKenney Award

This award is given to the unit member in each masterpoint category who earns the most total masterpoints during the year.

The 2008 winners were:

- 0-5 Shyue Yuan Wu
- 5-20 Gary Adamson
- 20-50 Don Deal
- 50-100 Brian Stevens
- 100-200 Susan Adamson
- 200-300 Nancy Reader
- 300-500 Hallie Eads
- 500-1,000 Don Morgan
- 1,000-2,500 Mary Pat Gentry
- 2,500-5,000 Shirley McKee
- 5,000-7,500 Carolyn Peters
- 7,500-10,000 Georgiana Gates
- 10,000+ Eddie Wold

Ace of Clubs Award

This award is given to the unit member in each masterpoint category who earns the most masterpoints in club games during the year.

The 2008 winners were:

- 0-5 Shyue Yuan Wu
- 5-20 Catherine Gonzales
- 20-50 Don Deal
- 50-100 Cathy Chen
- 100-200 Gordon Yee
- 200-300 Nancy Reader
- 300-500 Nancy Crabtree
- 500-1,000 Sandra Parker
- 1,000-2,500 Mary Pat Gentry
- 2,500-5,000 Shirley McKee
- 5,000-7,500 Jeanne Linzel
- 7,500-10,000 Georgiana Gates
- 10,000+ Ed Groner

Unit Goodwill Award

This award is intended to recognize and honor District 16 players who exhibit a spirit of courtesy, kindness and tact at the Bridge table.

The 2008 honorees were Karen Nimmons and Marcella Thomas.

Election Results

Jolie Hess announced the winners of the election of new board members. The newly elected board members are Bob Dowlen, Sue Adamson, and Robert Reichel.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:00 pm.

Motion: That the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved. There were no dissenting votes.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bert R. Onstott".

Bert Onstott

Secretary, ACBL Unit 174