



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

August 6, 2012

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Paul

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am. Directors present were: Beverley Cheatham, Paul Cuneo, Chuck Ensor, Joyce Gore, Kathy Hughes, Errol LeCesne, Tom Martinsen, and Nancy Strohmer. Also present were Jim Woodward and Bert Onstott.

Approval of minutes

Paul

Motion: That the amended minutes be approved.

The online minutes were amended as follows: Bryan Request: Barbara Freilich requested that the Unit sponsor a Sectional Tournament in Bryan/College Station in 2013 and buy 5 tables for the club there.

The Unit Board had already decided not to hold June Sectional Tournaments in Bryan/College Station when it authorized the contracts with the Marriott Westchase through 2018.

The Board agreed on the following:

1. The Unit has no plans to hold a Sectional Tournament in Bryan/College Station.
2. Clubs in outlying areas of the Unit may hold Open Sectional Tournaments under the following conditions: a. All the financial responsibility belongs with the clubs. b. ACBL Directors must be used. c. Sectionals must be sanctioned in accordance with District and ACBL requirements and not held in a month where there is a competing Unit 174 Regional or Sectional c. If a club wants to use the Unit's supplies, it must pay for shipping, any damage beyond normal usage and \$.50/table played for consumables.
3. The request for funds for tables is denied. The subsidies the Board has available for parties etc. are available to all clubs. None are available for equipment or supplies.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Woodward

Paul presented the Treasurer's Report which included **Unit 174 Balance Sheet** as of August 5, 2012, showing Current Assets of \$ 85,378.40.



Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved.

District Report

Bert

Membership was down four to 2,533; there were 6 new members.

Texas Star nominations are due Dec 31. The Unit can nominate one person who will automatically receive the award. Awards are given out on Sat during the Lone Star Regional.

Unit Goodwill Award nominations are due Dec 31. The Unit can nominate two people who will automatically receive the award. Awards are given out during the Election Sectional.

Sectional Tournament scheduling—Bert appointed a team (led by Jo Smith with Scott Humphrey, Charlie Price, Tomi Fitzgerald and Carolyn Pinto) to develop guidelines for scheduling sectional tournaments. Units were complaining that even though they got their sanction in early, there was nothing to restrict a nearby unit from later scheduling a sectional for the same weekend. The team will come up with guidelines like "Houston & Beaumont may not schedule an open sectional on conflicting dates."

Old Business

June Sectional

Joyce/Errol

Jolie will be contacted to determine the status of the deposit refund from Stafford.

Lone Star Regional

Paul/Chuck

Registration gifts as proposed by Chuck, blue convention card holder & sticker, were approved. Chuck was asked to check with Lauri to see if she has a source for products made in the USA that are comparable in price.

Pen and Pencil sets will be awarded for Section Tops and overall first places. The order size will be increased as we ran out last year.

August Sectional

Paul/Nancy

Everything is ready. Please come at 10:30am on Fri to help.

Clear Lake Update

Chuck/Kathy

Chuck is putting the restaurant list together; thus far, there are 60 restaurants within 3 miles of the hotel.



Planning Meeting Action Items

Paul

- 1) Recognition Policy: Errol, Joyce, & Tom met and recommended that "exceptional and extraordinary achievements be recognized on a 'case-by-case' basis by the Unit Board at the Annual Meeting. It was also concluded that the current array of recognitions are adequate and the criteria for them is well established and in no need of fixing.
- 2) Duplicated Boards for Tournaments: Paul & Chuck proposed that we buy 22 sets of boards (for the duplicating machine) & cases at a cost of approx \$2800. Excess standard boards will be given to those teachers who want them for supervised play.

Motion: Buy 22 set of boards & cases

The motion was seconded and approved.

- 3) Publicity: Nancy reported that 1900+ members received the Special News & Classes e-blast this month.
- 4) Meeting with the Clubs: Chuck & Beverley reported that BCOH is doing an exceptional job at recruiting new members. It was decided that two factors influence whether a new player is retained: 1. Search out social/new players and give lessons 2. Those players in #1...get them to play in a game.

NAP/GNT

Beverley

GNT: The team including Robert Reichek, Herb Kalman, Jay Karkowsky and Jack Rawisher were awarded \$250 each as Representatives of Unit 174 and NABC competing in the GNT Event. It was noted that the date for the Unit's GNT competition for 2013 will need to be set and Beverley was directed to look into Club participation for next year's competition.

NAP: Nothing new to report.

STAC

Joyce

Will take place in October 8-14.

Bridge in Schools

Errol

Instead of approaching the top administration entities in the schools, Errol is approaching the teachers. Three teachers have already agreed to teach. The teachers will get up to a \$350/semester stipend from the ACBL when all requirements are met. A special recruitment poster/display will be unveiled at the tournament. Complete details will be in the next e-Blast. This is positive news.

Sectional Tournaments

Paul

The Bryan Request was re-discussed with the same conclusion as last month...no change.

Scorecard Editor

Paul

We are on the search for a replacement editor.

499er Tournament

Beverley

This idea evolved from the "Club Meeting" and BCOH implemented this idea in June with success. It was proposed that BCOH can add a 4th tournament. It was also proposed to drop the requirement of including Life Masters in these tournaments.



Motion: That BCOH can add a 4th tournament & also can drop the requirement of including Life Masters in the 499er tournaments.

The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Beaumont Request

Paul

Beaumont wants to borrow bidding boxes and guide cards for their tournament—all agreed to do so.

Walter Arnold wants to sponsor Jeff Weed as a club director. Nancy will send a letter to the ACBL (Joyce Stone) giving them the information as to who will be administering the test.

Executive Session

The Board was in executive session for 5 minutes.

Future Meeting dates

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, at 9:30am in the library at Tracy Gee's.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Strohmer, Secretary

