



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

August 1, 2016

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Bob

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. Directors present were: Bob Armstrong, Dianna Gittelman, Daniel Jackson, Nancy Strohmer, John Caudill, Bill Riley, Mildred Breed, and Dan Leightman. Director present by "Call-in" was Ken Hudson. Also present was Gary Hercules.

Approval of minutes

Bob

The July meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board

Motion – That the July 2016 Minutes be approved

The motion was seconded and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary

Gary stated that he was working to get current with the financial statements the financial reports will be presented in the September meeting.

District Report

Nancy

No report was submitted

Old Business

June Sectional

John/Dianna

No discussion was heard – awaiting final financial report to complete this agenda item.

August Sectional

Dan/Mildred



A meeting with the Marriott staff will be held Tuesday August 2nd to finalize arrangements.

Hand Records for the Saturday Bracketed Swill games are being finalized with the Tournament Director. Dan stated he has a plan to ensure hand records for all brackets and all rounds. This plan does not eliminate all board volatility, but reduces the potential of board volatility significantly.

Dan will be surveying other tournament directors for solutions to the hand record issue for the Swiss games.

An additional caddy will be requested to ensure smooth transfer of boards during Saturday's Swiss game.

Coffee supplied to evening event to be worked and resolved prior to tournament start.

Congestion for team games may create the possibility of moving the partnership, I/N, and Team game tables.

Dan proposed that we give a free play to be used at one of the three full service clubs. Dan volunteered to meet with the club managers to discuss the possibility.

Dianna is working to obtain restaurant discounts for nearby eateries and will provide information to Nancy so she can send out in her Email blast a week prior to tournament. In the email blast, Nancy will also remind Sunday players that lunch will not be provided and let all know the tournament speakers that will be presenting information.

Fall Sectional

Daniel/Ken

Daniel presented the proposed flier to the Board. This schedule has the revised flight information. Daniel and Ken to schedule a meeting with the South Shore Resort to review requirements and activities. Discussion items include Sunday lunch and schedule and set-up.

A tentative tournament budget was prepared and presented to the Board.

A motion was made to approve the November Sectional Tournament budget subject to changes after the meeting with the South Shore Harbor staff. Board to also review and vote on Sunday lunch being provided pending the meeting and feedback from the August Sectional tournament.

The above motion was made and seconded and approved.

2017 LSR

Bob/Bill

Nancy to have schedule prepared and ready for review at our next month's board meeting.

Nancy is working with Tom Marsh regarding the Director's Refresher and Director's course schedules. As soon as Nancy receives the schedule for both courses from Tom, it will be added to the flyers.



April, 2017 Sectional / Annual Meeting**Nancy/Ken**

Nancy reported that the proposed schedule will be prepared and presented at next month's meeting.

Selected Areas of Emphasis for 2016/Board Assignments**Bob**

Club Connection – The new bridge club in Katy is going over well. They are working on certification and getting a Director in Charge assigned. Bill Riley reported that 2 clubs remain to be visited and he is working with them to get scheduled. He also shared the Kingwood club is celebrating their 8th anniversary on Wednesday August 3rd and it would be good for the Board to be represented at their celebration. Bill Riley to provide Ken Hudson information on the Baytown Club and potential for a Board visit to this club.

ABA Bridge – John Caudill is the new Board Chairman for this event and is working with Nancy to secure a date for the ABA /ACBL bridge game and will provide information to the board at our next meeting.

Volunteering for new assignments – Bob requested that the Board members respond to his earlier note regarding volunteering for new Board assignments by Friday of this week.

MiniBridge Committee Report**Nancy**

The MiniBridge event is planned and ready to go at the August Sectional. Nancy stated table helpers are needed for this event. Instructions and guidance will be provided at lunch on Saturday. Please let Nancy know if you can help with this event. The MiniBridge committee meets regularly and is working on a go-forward plan after the 8/13 event.

Board Members Election Procedure Petition**Ken**

A petition was received and verified to amend Board Member's Election Procedure. Ken Hudson to email the Board the petition as written for their information and review. The Board will then determine the action plan going forward based on the Unit's by-laws. The Board will submit the petition to the membership if it meets all criteria. Bob took an action item to draft working for authority to change by-laws. Dan took an action item to draft the petition proposal to the membership.

Learn Bridge in a Day (LBIAD)**Bob/Nancy**

The impact of MiniBridge on LBIAD was discussed. Board Members commented that LIBAD session once a year would be beneficial in building numbers to the bridge community. Nancy will forward feedback information to the Board. Discussion regarding combining MB with LBIAD as a teaching module for new players.

2017 Fall Sectional**Dianna**

Dianna is working on obtaining a location for the Fall Sectional.



Unit 174 Book Seller Position

Bob

A motion was made to correct the meeting minutes in July.

A motion was made to eliminate the position of the Unit 174 Book Seller from the Board.

The above motion was made and seconded and approved.

New Business

Director's Test

Bob/Ken

A motion was made to approve the following individuals – Bob Baff, Cindy Hillman, Rani Sachdev and Bill Franks for the Director's Test.

Motion proposed and seconded and passed.

Ken Hudson to forward list of names and addresses to the ACBL for action.

NAP Contracts

Daniel

John and Daniel have a verbal commitment with BCOH. The board recommended a written contract with the details spelled out so that we do not have any misconceptions on either side.

Executive Session

A motion was made and approved to go into Executive Session.

The Board spent 5 minutes in Executive Session.

A motion to end Executive Session was made and approved by all.

Future Meeting Date

The September Board Meeting will be held September 12th at 9:30 AM at Tracy Gee's Community Center.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 11:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Hudson, Secretary

