



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

December 4, 2013

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Chuck Ensor

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

Approval of minutes

Bill Riley

Motion: That the October minutes be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report

Chuck Ensor / Jim Woodward

Jim Woodward had sent the report via Email.

Motion: That the November Treasurer's report be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

District Report

Paul Cuneo

Paul reported that the district has approved money to be distributed to charities. Paul asked that if the board would like to nominate any charitable organizations. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation was suggested by Kathy Hughes. The board would like to ask the members for other suggestions by posting this on the web and the board can vote on one or more of the nominated organizations at the January meeting. All agreed.

Old Business

Nominating Committee

Chuck Ensor

Chuck presented the nominating committee members selected by the chair. Bert Onstott presented the slate of candidates and distributed copies of their photos and biographies. The board felt strongly that the committee had done an outstanding job in selecting the candidates.

Motion: That the nominating committee be approved and the slate of candidates be accepted.



The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Bert Onstott and Jim Woodward left the meeting.

2014 LSR

Chuck Ensor

Meeting at the Marriott on Thursday morning to finalize plans at the regional

Chuck, Beverley, Paul and Nancy will be attending.

TAP Course

No report from Beverley as to number of attendees.

Director's Course

There are 5 for the director's course and 5 for the director's refresher course.

Partnership

Bill reported that there were several out of town players who are in the I/N group. There was a general discussion about the website etc. Kathy agreed that she would be sure the I/N players will be matched up.

NAP/GNT

Tom Martinsen

Tom presented the statistics for the NAP. Table count was up slightly.

	2012 Tables	2013 Tables
A's	14.5	13.5
B's	15.5	17.5
C's	7	9.5

The Studio has agreed to host the GNT on Feb 16th. Tom will get a flyer out for the web and distribution. Tom has not found the director yet. The board made several suggestions.

Motion: That the GNT be hosted by the Studio on February 16th and the unit provide free lunches for the game.

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Supplies

Tom Martinsen

Tom discussed some of inventory – trophies with rusted plaques. There is an excess of convention card holders. The board discussed their use.

December STAC

Joyce Gore

Joyce reported that there are 14 clubs signed up as of now. She will be calling others since there are usually 15-17 clubs. There was a discussion about the requirement of the unit for a non playing director for games with 5.

Bridge in Schools / Education Liaison

Errol LeCesne

No report



Unit Sponsored Lessons

Chuck Ensor / Errol LeCesne

Chuck has been corresponding with Shawn Quinn – no response since all are at Nationals. Current plan is for the event to be held in September.

Procedures Manual

Paul Cuneo

The board has not reviewed them completely.

Membership Attraction & Retention

Group

There was a discussion about sending postcards for the new members who joined in 2013 and offer a free play on the post card for the Lone Star Regional. The board will ask Rhonda Bryant to design the postcard and send them out.

2014 I/N Sanctions

Bill Riley

Bill presented all of the sanctions currently available on online for I/N. The Studio requested that the December tournament be moved to November and they would like another in August. They originally had 5 but with the conflict one was lost. The board agreed to move the December tournament to the November date and agreed to the August date.

As part of this discussion, the STAC games for 2014 need to be set so there is no conflict. Tentatively October 6th to 12th and December 8th to 14th were proposed.

ABA Joint Event

Nancy Strohmer / Errol LeCesne

The event will be March 1st at the Sosa Recreation Center. This will be a single session because of the limitations of Sosa. We have to set up, take down and have the event between the hours of 8-3. There will be a director from the ACBL and the ABA.

Whirlwind Bridge

Nancy Strohmer

Nancy reported that she contracted with Sosa for September 6th for this event at Sosa community center. Beverley could not report any additional details.

Humble 2015

Paul discussed his recent negotiations with Humble Civic Center. They are increasing the price to \$9,000 and after the first of the year to \$9,900. The board was not in favor of signing the contract and will look into alternative sites in the North end of Houston including Greenspoint and Woodlands. Paul and Errol agreed to pursue this further.

April Election Sectional

Paul Cuneo

Paul presented the schedule – similar to the games scheduled at the October Sectional.

Motion: That the schedule be approved for the April Sectional.

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Length of Sectionals

Chuck Ensor

Paul presented a format for possible 4 day sectionals. We would have 3 sessions on Friday and Saturday if we expand. He also discussed having Choice Pairs. The hours would be 10:00-3:00-7:30. The board discussed the referendum go out on the web site some time in February.

The board suggested that we word the poll that we have at least one 4 day sectional per year.



Chuck will ask Joe Quinn to provide his write up for having a 4 day sectional.

New Business

No new business

Executive Session

The board was in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the upcoming opening for the treasurer position and the Texas Star.

Future Meeting dates

The next meeting will be held on Monday Jan 6, at 9:30am at Tracy Gee Community Center. In February, the date will be the 10th – the second Monday of the month.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Riley, Secretary

