



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
December 7, 2015
Tracy Gee's Community Center

Call to order

Nancy Strohmer

Nancy Strohmer, President of Unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Directors present were: Bob Armstrong, John Caudill, Chuck Ensor, Walter Freitag, Daniel Jackson, Daniel Leightman, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer.

Directors absent were: Beverley Cheatham.

Other attending was: Gary Hercules, Treasurer.

Approval of minutes

Walter Freitag

Walter Freitag had emailed copies of the October 2015 minutes to the Board members.

Motion: That the October 2015 Minutes be approved.

The above motion was made by Walter Freitag and seconded by John Caudill. The motion was approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The November 2015 treasurer's report had sent by email from Gary Hercules. The Verifiers Report had been emailed by Mike Hofmann.

Motion: That the November 2015 Financial Report be approved.

The above motion was made by Bill Riley and seconded by Chuck Ensor. The motion was approved by all.

District Report

Paul Cuneo

There was no report.



Old Business

November 2015 Sectional

Daniel/Bill

Invoice from the Race Track included service charges not previously discussed between Unit 174 and the Race Track, which still needs to be finally resolved between parties. A report of income and expenses was presented. Expected net loss is \$5,000, partially due to rain on Saturday.

April 2016 Sectional Date

Chuck/Dan

Currently, the times are 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm on Friday, 10:30 am and 3:30 pm on Saturday, and 10:00 am and TBA on Sunday. We will further discuss times when we talk about the survey. GNT will be included in this sectional.

LSR 2016

Nancy/Group

Event naming is doing very well as \$2,000 has already been raised.

The giveaways will be appliques and convention holders.

Sylvia from Westside Bridge Academy will be doing the boards for the pairs games.

Dan Leightman, Walter Freitag and John Caudill will meet to discuss whether caddy pay should be included on either a 1099 or W-2.

Selected Areas of Emphasis for 2015/Board Assignments

Group

Board Assignments for the Regional and Sections for 2016 have been emailed to all Board Members.

Nancy Strohmer stated Sheryl Thomas and Catherine Miller are calling inactive or new players to come play at studios.

Walter Freitag stated that only 4 have signed up for the Learn Bridge in a Day. Several suggestions for getting more to sign up were made.

Nancy Strohmer stated that the Joint ABA/ACBL game will be on March 5, 2016 at SOSA.

Bill Riley stated that board member club visits were scheduled for today and a Friday in January at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Dan Leightman stated that hand records for Swiss has increased participation by 50% at a bridge tournament in another city. Costs for hand records for Swiss game still need to be determined.

Daniel Jackson will determine how to handle what procedures need to be updated.

John Caudill reported that GNT games at the local level for this year have been eliminated.

Bill Riley will provide an annual report on demographic information for the sectionals and regionals.

Bill Riley stated that the directory will be developed from the ACBL information sent out on January 6, 2016. The net cost for the directory will be about \$4,000.

Nancy Strohmer stated that members have been positive about changes made to the annual membership meeting process.



Nancy Strohmmer stated that Betty Starzec has done an excellent job for teacher recognition.

Chuck Ensor and John Caudill discussed STaC for October and December.

Walter Freitag stated he appreciated the help with putting new cards in the boards. More supplies will be ordered at the request of Kevin and after inventory is taken be by Bob Armstrong and Walter Freitag.

Changes to tournament financial procedures

Gary/All

Changes in tournament financial procedures as detailed in email from ACBL were discussed.

Membership survey/Poll

Dan

Dan Leightman stated that the latest survey has been sent out to all board members. Chuck Ensor stated that the Board should decide whether or not the sectionals will include Friday Morning before this is included in the survey. Costs for Friday Morning need to be determined. Members play Friday afternoon but leave for games on Friday Evening.

Basic questions on the survey should relate to times. If the majority of members want a game at a certain time, then the Board needs to figure out how this will occur.

The main attendees of tournaments are those with more than 2500 master points.

ACBL requires that there be a 1.5 hour between end time of a session and start time of next session.

The timing of the survey should be right after the April sectional. All surveys to be counted must have an ACBL number. Surveys will be done electronically and manually. Manual surveys will be handed out at tournament and mailed out. Survey will be put on website.

Zero Tolerance Recommendation

Dan

Motion: Zero tolerance violations at bridge club level should be sent to unit recorder.

The above motion was made by Daniel Leightman and seconded by Bob Armstrong. The motion was approved by all.

Stanchions update

Daniel

Gary Hercules will work on the stanchions and bring to the Regional.

2018 Open Trials

Bob

Bob Armstrong stated that Jan Martell of ACBL stated the only help it needs for the 2018 Open Trials is getting information regarding hotels.

Mini-Bridge

Bob

There was no report.

Club holiday party subsidy

Group

Motion: ACBL Unit 174 will sponsor Holiday parties at local clubs during the Holiday period from November 19 through December 31. The Board will provide a subsidy of up to \$10 per table played. Half tables will be reimbursed at one-half the rate for full tables. Kibitzers are NOT eligible to be included in the table count. For clubs that have multiple sanctioned games, the club is



allowed reimbursement for one daytime game, one nighttime game, and one game for 499ers or less. For the 499er game held at the same time as an open game, only the 499er tables will be subsidized. These parties must be held during regularly scheduled sanctioned games. Receipts for expenses from each club will be required for reimbursement as well as a copy of the recap verifying the number of tables and turned in no later than January 31 of the following year. These receipts should be sent to the Unit Treasurer.

The above motion was made by Bill Riley and seconded by Bob Armstrong. The motion was approved by all.

New Business

Newer members – making them feel welcome/name tags

All

Board Members should wear name tags and make all bridge players, especially new members, feel welcome.

Executive Session

Nancy moved the meeting to Executive Session. The Executive Session lasted 11 minutes.

Future Board Meetings

The next Unit Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 9:30 am at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was made by Bill Riley and seconded by Walter Freitag. The motion was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Freitag, Secretary



Attachment A

SELECTED AREAS OF EMPHASIS 2015

MEMBERSHIP ATTRACTION/RETENTION	ALL
ATTRACT INACTIVE PLAYERS (0-5)	SHERYL
WHIRLWIND BRIDGE W/FOLLOW UP	WALTER
JOINT EVENT W/ABA	NANCY
BOARD MEMBERS CLUB VISITS	BILL
ENHANCE PLAYER EXPERIENCE AT TOURNAMENTS	ALL
HOSPITALITY AT REGIONALS	NANCY
RESTAURANT DISCOUNTS	WALTER
POSTER (WELCOME/TOURNAMENT INFO.)	SHERYL
I/N ENHANCEMENTS (SPEAKERS, VOLUNTEERS, ETC)	SHERYL
BUSINESS SUBSIDIES	DAN
HANDLING OF SUNDAY LUNCHES	GARY
CONSIDER CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE	BOB
CONSIDER SWISS TEAM HAND RECORDS	BOB
GOOGLE DRIVE TRAINING	DANIEL
BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS	BILL/ERROL
PROCEDURES UPDATES (ALL HELP)	DANIEL/BOB/BILL
LOOK INTO WEBMASTER BACKUP	DANIEL
LOOK INTO BUSINESS INTERRUPTION/CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE COVERAGE	DAN
SET UP GROUP ON YAHOO FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFO	DANIEL
UTILIZATION OF DEMOGRAPHIC INFO.	BILL
COMMUNICATIONS	NANCY
DIRECTORY	BILL
REVIEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROCESS	ALL
TEACHER RECOGNITION	BOB
INFRA STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	WALTER/BOB/JOHN

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