



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

January 7, 2013

### 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, Jolie Hess, Errol LeCesne, Tom Martinsen, and Nancy Strohmer. Also present were Bert Onstott and Abbie LeCesne, Head Caddy.

#### Approval of minutes

Paul

**Motion: That the online December minutes be approved.**

The motion was seconded and approved.

#### Treasurer's Report

Jim

Paul presented the Treasurer's Report which included Unit 174 Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2012, showing Total Current Assets of \$83,410.18. There is a negative balance because checks were written before the CD was cashed, but no checks bounced...just an end of the year timing situation. All holiday party bills have not been received as yet, which need to be included in 2012 business. The December report will be approved at the February meeting.

#### District Report

Bert

Bert announced his resignation as Unit 174 representative to the District board. Bert will continue handling membership and the website. Bert will be missed in this position and the Board appreciates all the hard work that Bert has done.

#### Old Business

##### Lone Star Regional

Paul/Chuck

*Caddies*

*Abbie*

Abbie requested that we consider making more space between the tables in the foyer area at the Marriott because the caddies are tripping over people's purses, bags, etc. In the future, an announcement will be made at the tournaments asking attendees to put their personal articles under their chair. In addition, trash cans will be put on the right side of "north". Paul and Chuck will review the layout and try to increase table spacing.



*Hospitality and Awards*

*Beverley*

Beverley has bought the first round of candy. Tom has secured all awards and registration giveaways. Bert will provide labels for those who request per the sign-up list.

*I/N and Speakers*

*Kathy*

Paul reported that all slots have been filled and that all the speakers are secured. Bios, pictures, and topics are needed from the speakers.

*Partnership*

*Jolie*

Jolie reported that she had all workers lined up for the partnership desk and was ready to go.

*Supplies*

*Tom*

Chuck and Tom took an inventory and any supplies needed will be procured.

*Event Naming*

*Chuck*

Event naming sales are off to a good start and we need Board members to promote this.

*Dealing Machine*

The subject of the use of the Apple/Apple Too dealing machine was discussed. It was proposed that Joyce Gore/Apple offer the use of the dealing machine for the Regional Tournament and the Board will take care of the repair and maintenance of the dealing machine as compensation for use.

**Motion: That the Board pay for Repair and Maintenance of the Dealing machine which is borrowed from Joyce Gore/Apple as compensation for use during the Houston Regional tournament.**

The motion was seconded and approved.

**April Sectional**

**Paul/Tom**

The schedule is changed as follows: On Friday, there will be a bracketed 2-session Swiss at 1:30 and 7pm, and there will be a 2-session pairs event. On Saturday, there will be a compact KO and a single-session Swiss. On Sunday, the schedule will be the same as in the past.

A budget was submitted for the upcoming Sectional Tournament.

**Motion: That the budget be accepted.**

The motion was seconded and approved.

**June Sectional**

**Chuck**

No report.



## Planning Meeting Action Items

Paul

No report.

## NAP/GNP

Paul

The overall District Final winners from our Unit were as follows: Flight A: 1<sup>st</sup> ~ John Zilic and Thomas Peters, 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Kenneth Schutze and Jim Hilton / Flight B: 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Daniel Jackson and Bill McCartney, 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Jeffrey Kroll and Edwin (Ted) Bain III / Flight C: 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ David Morris and Courtney Coffman.

## STAC

Seventeen clubs signed up. Peter Marcus is the head director. Games begin today. It was suggested to change STAC in 2014 to mid January.

## Bridge in Schools

Errol

Errol formed a Focus Group comprised of interested members that will meet during the upcoming Regional with the purpose of brainstorming for ideas to promote bridge programs in schools.

## 2013 Directory

Paul

Three ads have been sold at the cost of \$100 each.

## Unit Championships and Tournament Schedules

Chuck

Tournament schedules are on the website. Two January Unit championships were cancelled because of having Hurricane Sandy charity games instead.

## Unit Sponsored Lessons

Paul

On May 4 & 5, there will be Unit sponsored lessons at the Marriott. The lessons will be taught by Eddie Wold, Bob Morris and Shawn Quinn. Each lesson will cost \$50 and will include one entry into a drawing to play with a pro during the game on Sunday. If all lessons are attended, then there will be a free play for the game. Otherwise, the game fee will be \$10/person.

## Marriott Contracts

Paul

2019 and 2020 contracts have not been signed because Marriott proposed some changes in the terms. Paul has scheduled a meeting to discuss the changes.

## New Business

### *Unit Representative to the District Board*

Paul agreed to be the representative for the District Board, replacing Bert. Paul is currently the Education Chair and has been attending these meetings for the past two years.

### **Motion: That Paul serve as the Representative for the District Board**

The motion was seconded and approved.

### *Super Swiss*

Nancy will forward a copy of the explanation of "Super Swiss" that was tried for the first time at the recent Palm Springs tournament to the BOD. It was well received by all attendees in Palm Springs.



## **Executive Session**

The board was in executive session for 0 minutes.

## **Future Meeting dates**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, at 7pm at the Bridge Studio.

## **Adjourn**

**Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.**

The motion was seconded and approved at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Strohmer, Secretary

