



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

January 6, 2014

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Chuck Ensor

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

Approval of minutes

Bill Riley

Motion: That the December 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 prior to meeting. A hard copy was distributed at the meeting.

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

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Communication

Chuck Ensor

Chuck emphasized that all communications between the board members be communicated using the YAHOO groups so the entire board will be up to speed when the board meeting occurs and a permanent record will be available.

District Report

Paul Cuneo

No District report.



Old Business

2014 LSR

Chuck Ensor / Beverley Cheatham / Nancy Strohmmer

Naming of events

Beverley discussed the current status of the event naming. We have had an excellent response and have only a few left.

TAP Course

Only a few people, a total of 6, have registered. This is way below the break even point and most of the registrants are not from UNIT 174. There was discussion that the course be canceled. The board discussed that Beverley be empowered to ask the ACBL for a discount, or to increase the fee or to cancel if the number of registrants do not increase.

Motion: That Beverley be given the authority if the attendance is insufficient to negotiate with ACBL or with the attendees so the total cost to UNIT be no more than \$500.

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Director's Course

There are 15 for the director's course and 16 for the director's refresher course.

Restaurant List

Chuck will discuss with Nancy about going to the local restaurant for discounts during the regional.

Rooms

The hotel ran out of the allotted rooms – the hotel is nearly sold out. There was discussion about other local hotels.

Partnership

There is still need for some more help.

NAP/GNT

Tom Martinsen

Tom has contacted those who qualified for the NAP and filled spots for those who are not able to make the game in San Antonio. List will be sent to district.

Kevin Perkins will direct the GNT game on the 16th of Feb at the Bridge Studio.

Motion: That UNIT 174 will sponsor up to \$1000 per team prorated to the number of team members from UNIT 174. (5 member team from UNIT 174 – each get \$200, 4 member team – each get \$250, if only 3 members from UNIT 174 - each unit member will get \$250)

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Supplies

Tom Martinsen

Everything is OK with prizes for regionals. Supplies for regional are ready. There are still nearly 350 convention card holders. These will be put out at the hospitality desk.



December STAC

Joyce Gore

Joyce reported that 14 clubs – 642.5 tables - participated. Profit from the STAC to the unit was ~ \$1000. Scott Humphries, the director in charge, complimented our unit for their efficiency.

Bridge in Schools / Education Liaison

No report

Unit Sponsored Lessons

Chuck Ensor

Chuck has been corresponding with Shawn Quinn – still pending – possibly in September.

Membership Attraction & Retention

Group

Rhonda Bryant will be sending out the postcards as discussed at the last meeting for the new members who joined in 2013 and offer a free play on the post card for the Lone Star Regional.

Motion: That UNIT 174 will continue to give free plays for the 0-5 members for the games on Friday and Saturday for UNIT 174 sectionals.

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

2014 I/N Sanctions / UNIT Championships

Bill Riley

Bill presented a list of the proposed dates for the UNIT Championship games. There will be none during Jan, Feb, April and Sept. The UNIT STAC week will be set for October 6th through the 12th.

The August I/N 299er tournament at the Houston Bridge Studio did not get approved.

Bill discussed setting a schedule for the next tournament coordinator.

ABA Joint Event

The game is set for March 1st. Joyce Gore will direct the game for the ACBL side. The ABA will provide their local director. Publicity is being done.

Whirlwind Bridge

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley has not heard from the ACBL about the sponsorship. The proposed date is Sept. 6th.

Length of Sectionals

Chuck Ensor

There was a discussion about increasing the sectionals to 4 day events. Chuck presented a draft of the positive and negative effect about the 4 day sectionals. The last 4 day sectional in UNIT 174 was held nearly 40 years ago. Most sectionals in Texas and Louisiana either are held at the local club facility or are run by the local clubs at a recreational/community center. UNIT 174 has a different structure. The board discussed to expand one of the sectionals as a trial this year.

Motion: That the length of the August 2014 Sectional be increased to 4 days and that UNIT 174 reimburse the 3 full service clubs \$200 if they close their club on Thursday.

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.



Tournament Chairs

Chuck Ensor

The president appointed the following tournament chairpersons for the future sectionals.

- June Sectional 2014 – Nancy Strohmer
- August Sectional 2014 – Beverley Cheatham
- November Sectional 2014 – Chuck Ensor

The co-chairs will be selected from one of the newly elected board members.

In August the possibility of a charity game for August sectional on Saturday night was discussed. Beverley will check with ACBL.

April Election Sectional

Paul Cuneo

Paul presented the flyer and will add the free play for the 0-5 members. The budget was presented to the board. The projected estimate will be a loss of \$300 to a profit of \$1200 depending on the table count.

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

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Humble 2015

Paul Cuneo

Paul discussed that he has not pursued hotels since the last meeting

Procedures

All

Bill had emailed the group about the duties of the tournament coordinator. Chuck agreed to add to the new version.

Liability Insurance for Tournaments

Chuck Ensor

Paul agreed to provide the links for the liability insurance.

New Business

Conflict of Interest

All

The board discussed some concern expressed about potential conflict of interest. The board felt that there was no conflict of interest but the issue is that certain clubs have not accepted the UNIT's offerings of support.

Motion: That the meeting be closed and the board go into executive session.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session

The board was in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the upcoming opening for the treasurer position after the April sectional.

Future Meeting dates

The next meeting will be held on Monday Feb 10th, at 9:30am at Tracy Gee Community Center.



Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Riley, Secretary

