



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

January 5, 2015

Tracy Gee

#### Call to order

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley Cheatham, president of unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

Directors present were: Bob Armstrong, Rhonda Bryant, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Kathy Hughes, Daniel Jackson, Tom Martinsen, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer. Gary Hercules, treasurer for unit 174, was also present.

#### Privacy Policy Discussion

Bert Onstott

As a follow-up to the December Board Meeting, Bert Onstott was asked by the Board to report on his research into ACBL Privacy Policy items discussed previously. Bert said that the ACBL communication on the subject made it clear that we could not publish a Unit 174 Membership Directory until we have allowed the members to state their individual preferences about showing their information (address, phone number and email address). The followed a discussion about the timing and procedure for getting the each member's desires. It was decided to use both a paper listing and an electronic version in time for the LSR. Bob Armstrong and Bill Riley agreed to work with Bert on a notice to be published on the Unit Website, alerting the membership of the need to collect this information. Bert reminded the Board that this must be an on-going process. The consensus was to leave the existing electronic version on the Unit Website. Paper copies on which members can state their desires will be made available at the Hospitality Desk at the LSR.

Beverley then said the dates for launching the electronic balloting for the Board Member Elections need to be set. After discussion, it was agreed that the electronic version be launched March 26 and taken down April 20 in order to give the election judges to verify the validity of each ballot. The option to enter write-ins will be available on the electronic version.

Bert then excused himself and left the meeting.

#### Approval of minutes

Bob Armstrong

Bob had emailed copies of the December minutes to the Board members. One correction was made to the draft.

**Motion: That the December Minutes as revised be approved.**

The above motion was made by Daniel Jackson and seconded by Chuck Ensor. The motion was approved by all present.



## Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

Gary Hercules reported that the year end report was still under preparation and would be available at the next board meeting in February.

## District Report

Paul Cuneo

There was no formal District Meeting report. Beverley Cheatham gave information that Paul had told her.

- The space for the 4th day of the August Sectional is committed
- District 16 had a good year financially
- Paul has lined up some of the speakers needed for the LSR 2015
- Beverley has increased the budget allocation for 6 days of speakers

## Old Business

### LSR 2015

Beverley Cheatham / Nancy Strohmmer

Event naming

Nancy reported that it was going well. She is still hopeful of selling out each event.

Hospitality Events will be held three days. Tuesday has been identified as the day we will honor Su Doe. The Marriott has again compensated us for two days.

Flyers have been distributed, including mailings to other location outside Unit 174,

Awards and Prizes are all in our possession.

Nancy will send out a Constant Contact on January 19th emphasizing the schedule, explaining the Monday sessions, naming the speakers, alerting people of the member input to the Privacy Policy, etc.

Beverley asked for volunteers to both introduce the speakers but also to be prepared to assist by distributing handouts to the audience. After discussion, Beverley agreed to prepare a schedule showing who will support on which days.

"Fast Result" is committed

The Election Poster of the slate of candidates is being prepared by Bert Onstott.

Beverley introduced the discussion on the Charity Game on Monday.

**Motion: That "Grass Roots" be the selected charity for both sessions.**

The above motion was made by Bill Riley and seconded by Nancy Strohmmer. The motion was approved by all present.

Voting slips for the naming of the November 2015 Sectional will be available at the Hospitality Desk.

Beverley reported that Joyce Gore had agreed to take over the printing of member labels from Bert Onstott. That will require the \$155 purchase of software (Excel and Publisher) needed to do so. Beverley asked that such be approved.



**Motion: That Unit 174 will pay for the purchase of the software necessary to print labels for installation on Joyce Gore's computer.**

The above motion was made by Nancy Strohmer and seconded by Chuck Ensor. The motion was approved by all present.

Setup time was set for 11:00 am on Monday.

**April 2015 Sectional**

**Nancy Strohmer / Chuck Ensor**

Flyers are not ready yet but should be available after the first of the year.

**June 2015 Sectional**

**Bob Armstrong / TBD**

The schedule has been approved by the ACBL. Budget request will be prepared in January.

**August 2015 Sectional**

**Beverley Cheatham / TBD**

Beverley said that the revised schedule has been sent to ACBL. ACBL said that the "Board A Match" could not be bracketed. Chuck said that we could have a Strati-Flighted event instead. After some discussion, the schedule was then revised to reflect using Chuck's suggestion.

**November, 2015 Sectional**

**Bill Riley/Daniel Jackson**

No report.

**GNT/NAP/STAC**

**Tom Martinsen / Bill Riley**

GNT – Scheduled for February 22nd. Need to get confirmation of location and director.

NAP – The director failed to send in the scores but that was corrected. Good representation at the next level.

**STaC – Went well. \$900+ profit**

Chuck reported that the 2015 Unit Championships schedule is on the Unit Website. He gave a brief summary

**ABA/ACBL Bridge Event**

**Nancy Strohmer**

Joyce Gore has agreed to be the director. A "Constant Contact" will be sent after the LSR.

**Selected Areas of Interest**

**Group**

Bill recommend the Board demonstrate support to various clubs, Westside Academy, Clear Lake, Kingwood and others.

**New Business**

**Executive Session**

**Future Meeting dates**

The next UNIT Board meeting will be held on Monday February 9, 2015 at 9:30 AM at Tracy G



## Adjourn

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

The motion was made by Bob Armstrong, seconded by Bill Riley and approved at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bob Armstrong, Secretary**

