



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

July 5, 2010

Houston Bridge Studio

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Paul Cuneo-President, Bob Dowlen-Vice-President, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Jolie Hess and Kathy Hughes.

Also present for part of the meeting was Jim Woodward - Treasurer

Minutes of Month board meeting

Secretary

The minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim

Month Financials

Jim Woodward submitted preliminary financial statements dated June 7, 2010 and July 5, 2010. In the June 7th report Jim noted that under Fixed Assets the Tournament Equipment account was increased to reflect reimbursement to Paul Cuneo for the purchase of the sound system. The July Profit and Loss statements reported a \$1,478.02 profit for the June Sectional. There are outstanding expenses of close to \$700 yet to be paid.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer reports.

The motion was seconded and approved.

District Report

In Bert's absence, Paul Cuneo gave the District Report. It was reported that Unit 174 membership was up from 2,533 in June to 2,543 in July. Membership is at its highest since 1990. It was also noted that Houston has 28% of the total district membership. Usage of the Unit web site remains high.

Nominations for the Unit Texas Star Award are due by September. Also it was noted that District 16 Board of Governors has a vacancy, which will be filled by a vote of the District 16 Board of Directors in its meeting during the Dallas Regional in August. Discussion was to contact persons that might be interested in being a candidate.



Old Business

June 2010 Sectional Report

Kathy

Kathy reported there were 552 tables attending the Sectional down from the 574 tables attending in 2009.

August Sectional Report

Paul

A jewelry vendor had approached Paul asking for space during the August Sectional.

After discussion a motion was made that the Board is not in favor of having jewelry shown and sold at the tournaments.

Motion was seconded and approved.

October Sectional Report

Karen/Beverley

It was reported that Becky Ellisor has accepted to be Hospitality Chairman. Jim and Frances Simmons have accepted to be Partnership Chairman.

It was suggested that we try to have Soft Drink machines provided.

Publicity Chair

Paul

Paul announced that Pat Levy accepted the position of Publicity Chair.

NAP/GNT

Robert/Beverley

Paul announced that John Zilic has been appointed Director of the NAP/GNT. Also a copy of the revised procedure of organizing the Unit NAP and GNT from John Ericson has been forwarded to Paul for inclusion in the Procedures Manual.

Supplies

Robert/Chuck

Chuck reported that a table cart with bad wheels and one of the large carts were disassembled and disposed of. The four casters were saved for future use. An inventory of tote bags, mugs and glasses were given and plans to order entry forms, computer paper and pencils were discussed.

New Business

2011 Regional

Paul/Bob

Paul discussed plans for the 2011 Regional that will be held in January. Additional monies were dedicated in the budget for registration gifts to commemorate the Unit's 50th Anniversary.

Motion was made to approve the budget and schedule for the tournament.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Unit Calendar

Jolie

Jolie reported that sanctions have been requested for April and August Sectionals for 2011 thru 2015. There are some conflicts that are being addressed with ACBL.



Austin has a sanction for a NLM Regional at the same time Unit 174 applied for a sanction for the June, 2011 Sectional in Bryan. After discussion the unit board does not see an alternative to the June 10-12, 2011 dates. Deposits have already been made for that date.

Since the sanction for October 28/30, 2011 in Humble was in conflict with the Corpus Regional, Jolie was able to sanction and reserve the Humble Civic Center for a sectional on October 21/23, 2011. A discussion followed about trying to have a sectional in the Clear Lake area in the year 2012. Bob Dowlen and Chuck Ensor will visit potential sites in that effort.

Executive Session

The Board was not in Executive Session.

Future Meeting dates

The next Board Meeting will be August 2nd.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Beverley Cheatham

Secretary

