

♠ ♥ Unit 174 - HOUSTON ♦ ♣

Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

July 11, 2011

Houston Bridge Studio

Call to Order

Bob

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Bob Dowlen. Directors present were Paul Cuneo, Chuck Ensor, Joyce Gore, Kathy Hughes, Errol LeCesne, and Robert Reichel. Also present was Bert Onstott, District 16 Representative.

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

Errol

The minutes of the June 6, 2011 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Bob

Jim Woodward was unable to attend the meeting but he did submit a complete Unit 174 Balance Sheet, as of July 11, 2011 showing Total Assets of \$120,268.14.

Motion to accept the report was seconded and approved.

District Report

Bert

Bert Onstott presented a graph showing the Unit membership increased by one over last month but still at a -30 for the year. He reported that the District is asking each unit to develop an Action Plan for increasing membership to be presented at the Labor Day Regional in Dallas. He noted that District membership was also down. His graph breakdown of membership rankings shows the overwhelming majority (62%) of our members are below the Life Master level. The largest percentage (17% or 451) is at the Rookie Level and the second largest group is at Silver Life Master Level (14% or 341). He also noted that directory changes (address, phone #, etc.) are approximately 100+ per month.

The payment from the District for all flights in the GNT will be increased 500 to \$1,500 per team in 2012. North American Pairs participation was up in the District over 50% and the stipend to qualifying pairs was increased by

\$300, making the totals \$1,000 for 1st place, \$600 for 2nd and \$300 for third.

He said he did not have time to work on the message board but felt it would not be a problem. He noted that a couple of people would be needed to serve as moderators once it is up and running.

Old Business

Coffee vs. Snack Bar at the Regional

Paul

After meeting with the Marriott on June 16 and getting cost estimates, the Board decided to poll the membership for a decision.

It was moved, second, and approved to give the two options with cost estimates for polling.

August Sectional

Kathy/Robert

Everything is set and ready to go. Also, the voting absentee by-laws update will be done Sunday August 14th at 1:30 PM. Shawn Quinn & Gary King will make presentations.

GNT

Bob

Bert Onstott was named Director-in-charge.

Mike Lawrence Seminar

The seminar is scheduled for February 24 & 25, 2012.

Lone Star Regional

Chuck

Gift suggestions were discussed and some of the suggestions are flashlights, Houston stickers, lens cleaning cloths, and tournament cardholders.

2012 Sectional Tournaments

Bob

- August: Marriott, Co-chairs, Robert/Kathy
- October: Humble, Co-chairs, Beverley/Chuck
- April: Election at Marriott, Co-chairs Jolie/Chuck
- June: Stafford Centre, Co-chairs, Joyce/Errol
- August: Marriott, Co-chairs, Paul/TBD
- November: South Shore Harbor Clear Lake, Co-chairs, Chuck/TBD

New Business

Discussion of the location of future Sectionals was tabled until next meeting.

The next board meeting is set for August 1.

Adjournment: 8:27 PM

Bob

Errol LeCesne, Secretary