



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

July 2, 2012

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, Errol LeCesne, Tom Martinsen, and Nancy Strohmer. Also present was Jim Woodward.

Approval of minutes

Paul

Motion: That the online June minutes be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim

Jim Woodward presented the Treasurer's Report which included **Unit 174 Balance Sheet** as of July 2, 2012, showing Current Assets of \$86,316.00. Also noted was that the June Sectional resulted in a loss because the table count was down.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved.

District Report

Paul

Bert was unable to attend but sent his report via email. Membership is down three to 2,535 and eleven new members were added to the roster.

Old Business

June Sectional

Joyce/Errol

All went well—great job Joyce and Errol!

August Sectional

Paul/Nancy

Everything is ready.

Clear Lake Update

Chuck



Chuck and Kathy are working on everything.

Planning Meeting Action Items

Paul

- 1) Marketing Sub Group: Paul, Tom and Nancy met. They came to the conclusion that a committee needed to be formed to make a proposal for "Player Recognition". Errol will chair the committee with Joyce and Tom participating on the committee. Regarding the recruiting of new members: Tom will contact Betsy Dubose and Joyce Ryan with regards to their social bridge classes. The idea is for them, as teachers, to slowly work the social players into duplicate players.
- 2) "Free Play" Vouchers for new players—all agreed that this is a good idea.
- 3) E-Blast: Nancy emailed 1900+ members the publication for Special Events and Classes. One-third of the membership opened the email and there was much positive feedback.

GNT

Beverley

Nothing to report.

STAC

Joyce

Will take place October 8-14. Everything is ready.

Bridge in Schools

Errol

Nothing new to report.

Lone Star Regional

Paul/Chuck

Registration gift: To be determined.

New Business

Sectionals

Paul

There will be four open Sectionals per year sponsored by the Unit: April – Election / June / August / October-November.



Bryan Request

Paul

Barbara Freilich requested that the Unit sponsor a Sectional Tournament in Bryan/College Station in 2013 and buy 5 tables for the club there.

The Unit Board had already decided not to hold June Sectional Tournaments in Bryan/College Station when it authorized the contracts with the Marriott Westchase through 2018.

The Board agreed on the following:

1. The Unit has no plans to hold a Sectional Tournament in Bryan/College Station.
2. Clubs in outlying areas of the Unit may hold Open Sectional Tournaments under the following conditions: a. All the financial responsibility belongs with the clubs. b. ACBL Directors must be used. c. Sectionals must be sanctioned in accordance with District and ACBL requirements and not held in a month where there is a competing Unit 174 Regional or Sectional c. If a club wants to use the Unit's supplies, it must pay for shipping, any damage beyond normal usage and \$.50/table played for consumables.
3. The request for funds for tables is denied. The subsidies the Board has available for parties etc. are available to all clubs. None are available for equipment or supplies.

Scorecard Editor

Mary Jane Kinnebrew is resigning; the position needs to be filled.

Unit Championships for 2013

Chuck

The ACBL informed Chuck (during his recent visit to headquarters) that the U.C. must be sanctioned as morning, afternoon or evening games. This will reduce the number of participating clubs as the Unit spreads its 24 U.C. events over 3 time slots vs 2. As the evening attendance continues to dwindle, this change will be an additional negative impact on those games. For many years, the Unit has sanctioned its U.C. as either daytime or evening. Paul will email Dan Morse requesting that the past sanctioning be accepted currently.

During Chuck's visit, Ruth Francis agreed to send e-blasts for our tournaments. We need to make a request for the upcoming August tournament.

Communications Committee

Sandra Clark's committee is doing an excellent job every month. 58 members were called and 13 renewed. Many voice mails were left and emails sent.

Fredi Weinbaum Request

Chuck will check with Fredi Weinbaum before putting the request for whole blood or platelets on the website.

Executive Session

The board was in executive session for 10 minutes.

Future Meeting dates



The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 6, at 9:30am in the library at Tracy Gee's. In order to accommodate those Board members who work, the possibility of quarterly nightly meetings was discussed.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Strohmer, Secretary

