



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

June 7, 2010

Houston Bridge Studio

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Paul Cuneo, Karen Nimmons, Kathy Hughes, Jolie Hess, Robert Reichel and Bob Dowlen.

Guests

Bert Onstott - District 16 Representative

Minutes of Month board meeting

Secretary

The minutes of the May 2010 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim

Unit Treasurer Jim Woodward was not available for the meeting and he will email his monthly financial report to the Unit Board Members.

Committee Reports

Awards/Flyers

Karen

Flyers for the August Sectional and North American Pairs (NAP) have been printed and will be for distribution to the clubs.

Awards: Nothing to report.

Bridge in Schools

Brigitte Sandifer

Nothing to report.

Communications Committee

Sandra Clark

Report was emailed to the Board Members.



Membership

Paul

Membership has gone down slightly for the past two months. The decline may be due to the fact that a large number of players have joined the ACBL in the past year or so and some did not renew their membership.

Fund Raising

Bob

Nothing to report.

I/N, Education & Book Sales

Joyce

Book Sales:

Total Sold is 76 during May.

Betsy DuBose: 39
Barbara Phillips: 16
Joyce Ryan: 16
Dave Glandorf 5

Joyce, Betsy and Barbara are teaching 4 week workshop classes throughout the summer

Education:

The novice newsletter continues to be well received. The letter goes out with the Unit electronic newsletter published by Chuck Michalski, again in a separate emailing to 299ers with email addresses (about 650) and to the St Martin's list of approximately 150. Joyce gets a positive feedback every month.

Joyce has ordered cards for the Better Bridge and the ACBL programs. Teachers are gravitating toward the new Better Bridge series. Joyce would like to suggest that we set up a display on teacher appreciation day at the regional so that teachers can see what is available at cost from the Unit.

NAP/GNT

Robert/Beverley

North American Pairs (NAP)

Board Members plan to encourage more pairs to participate in the 2010 NAP. NAP club qualifying games will be held at the clubs during June, July and August. Clubs are permitted to hold as many NAP qualifying games as they wish during this three month period. Extra Masterpoints are awarded for NAP Games. Unit 174 NAP qualifications games will be held at 11:00am and TBD at the following locations:

Saturday November 13th - Flight B – Location: Bridge Club of Houston.

Sunday November 14th - Flights A & C – Location: Houston Bridge Studio

At the Unit level, NAP Pairs finishing in the top 50% of their field plus any pair scoring average or better will qualify for the District 16 finals.

The flyer for the Unit NAP Games was approved.

GNT

The Board approved providing \$250 in expense money to each of the two members of Unit 174 that qualified for Flight A of the Grand National Team (GNT).

Board Members plan to encourage more pairs to participate in the 2010 GNT.



STAC**Chuck/Bob**

The next Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) will be held the week of October 4-10, 2010.

Supplies**Chuck/Robert**

The tables used at the June Sectional will be inspected to see which tables need to be replaced.

Tournament Coordination**Jolie**

Nothing to report.

June Sectional**Robert/Kathy**

Everything is in good shape.

August Sectional**Paul/Chuck**

Everything is in good shape. Budget and Schedule approved.

October Sectional**Karen/Beverley**

Everything is in good shape. Budget and Schedule approved.

New Business**Topic 1**

Bert Onstott, District 16 Representative, reported that membership in District 16 has surpassed 9,000 and the District has qualified for another Regional Tournament.

Topic 2

A total of 4 Unit Charity Games will be scheduled for October, November and December.

Executive Session

The Board was not in Executive Session.

Future Meeting dates

The next Board Meeting will be July 5th.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Dowlen

