



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
June 2, 2014
Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley Cheatham, president of unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Directors present were: Bob Armstrong, Rhonda Bryant, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Kathy Hughes, Daniel Jackson, Tom Martinsen, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer. Bob Armstrong arrived after the Treasurer's report was approved.

Approval of minutes

Bill Riley

Bill had emailed copies of the May minutes to the Board members. He made slight changes to the minutes suggested by Chuck.

Motion: That the May Minutes be approved.

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

Treasurer's Report

Beverley Cheatham

The treasurer's report was presented by Beverley. Gary Hercules had sent them by Email. There was a discussion about balances.

Motion: That the April Treasurer's report be approved.

The above motion was made by Chuck Ensor. The motion was approved by all present.

District Report

Beverley Cheatham

No District meeting report.

Old Business

Petition to take Director's Exam

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley requested approval of the Board for the test to be requested from ACBL to send the test material for Sam Khayatt and Daniel Jackson to Pete Hanson, who will be administering the test.



Motion: Nancy Strohmmer moved to approve the request, Bob Armstrong seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the request.

Lone Star Regional (2015)

Beverley Cheatham

Nancy presented the list for prizes etc. for the hospitality. We have our first advertising sponsor. She discussed the gift cards (Rio Rancho, Chili's, and Outback) that she obtained. She suggested that each tournament chair be responsibility to obtain gift cards from the various restaurants locally. The board agreed that the chair should assume responsibility

June Sectional

Nancy Strohmmer

Nancy reported that the Marriott will take responsibility to dispose of the old carts. Nancy discussed that the meal on Sunday will be hot. Everything is ready for Friday.

August 4-Day Sectional

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley reported that task assignments have been made and everything was on target.

November Sectional

Chuck Ensor

Chuck presented the budget for the Sectional. It was based on an anticipated 429 tables and a \$5 entry fee for the Friday night session. If all goes to according to the budget, there would be a \$4,800 loss. Chuck asked for a motion to approve the budget.

Motion: Tom Martinsen moved to approve the budget for the November Sectional, Bob Armstrong seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the Motion.

GNT/NAP

Tom Martinsen

Tom reopened the discussion about the concept of holding the NAP as a single day event. Using Tracey Gee as the location was found to be unworkable because of the need for time to hold the event in one day. While doing so would save the Unit money, it was pointed out that it would prevent players from qualifying in multiple levels and would limit locations to a single venue. After the discussion, the Board agreed to schedule the event at BCOH on November 1st and at Houston Bridge Studio on November 2nd. Tom agreed to work with the two venues to put contracts in place.

Beverley pointed out that 11 of 16 teams qualifying for the GNT at the District level were from Unit 174. She asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to each qualifier from Unit 174 with an explanation of the financial support available to those who then went on to compete at the next level. Bill Riley suggested that the letter be signed by all members of the Board. Beverley asked that such a letter be drafted.

Tom also agreed to prepare a flyer to advertise both events.

Unit Storage

Tom Martinsen

Tom stated that using Gulf Parcels, while having some "glitches", seems to be working reasonably well. He has had 4 new carts made for delivery to the Marriott for the June Sectional. He has investigated options for insurance for our supplies in storage. Discussions with insurance companies revealed that they would only insure current value, not replacement value. Gulf Parcels has agreed to look into adding our supplies to their insurance and will let Tom know the cost impact.

2015 I/N Sanctions/Unit Championships

Chuck Ensor



Chuck distributed a calendar of possible dates. Selection of dates have certain restrictions (i.e. cannot compete with Regionals, GNT/NAP, or the Beaumont Sectional.). Scheduling issues discussed were (a) conflicts with dates such as Mother's Day and Father's day, (b) pressure to submit dates soon to request prior to losing opportunities to others, (c) total to request, and (d) offering potential dates to other clubs. Bill Riley suggested that we also exclude dates that conflict with Nationals and encourage players to attend Nationals.

The outcome was agreed that Chuck should work with BCOH and The Studio to resolve any conflict of requested dates, resulting in the giving BCOH 3 dates and The Studio 5 dates. Other clubs would then have the option of taking 2 dates which would have been set aside for them.

Unit Sponsored Lessons

Chuck Ensor

Chuck stated that the only request he has had is from Shawn Quinn who requested November 15th for the Queen & King lessons.

Whirlwind Bridge

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley presented a proposed budget for Whirlwind Bridge to be held at SOSA. The proposal was \$880 which would be shared by Unit 174 and the ACBL. After discussion, the Board agreed that the line item for Volunteer Gifts be removed from the budget request.

Motion: Chuck Ensor moved to approve the budget for Whirlwind Bridge as amended, Bob Armstrong seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the request.

District Charity

Nancy Strohmmer

Nancy stated the deadline for charities to submit requests is July 1st. All requests submitted to date are complete. The plan is to award \$5,000 to six different charities.

ACBL Dues Rice Students

Bill Riley

Bill reported that discussions with Eddie Wold revealed that Eddie had already gotten the student to sign up for ACBL membership.

Yahoo Group and Google Drive

Daniel Jackson

After some discussion, Daniel agreed to conduct a training session immediately after set-up for the June Sectional was completed, using the available internet connection,

Selected Areas of Emphasis for 2014

Group

Beverley distributed the agreed list and postponed any reporting until after members of the board have had an opportunity to take some meaningful action steps.

New Business

Constant Contact & Chuck Michalski's email

Nancy Strohmmer

This item tabled until a later date.

Replacement for the Bunnis

Beverley Cheatham

This item tabled until a later date.

Motion: That the Board meeting be closed and move to executive session be approved.



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

Executive Session

The board was in executive session for 1 hour.

Future Meeting Dates

The next UNIT Board meeting will be held on Monday July 7th, at 7:00 PM at Houston Bridge Studio

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was made by Bob Armstrong, seconded by Nancy Strohmer and approved by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Armstrong, Secretary

