



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

May 3rd, 2010

Houston Bridge Studio

Call to order

Pat

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Pat Levy, President, Paul Cuneo, Vice-President, Bob Dowlen, Kathy Hughes, Karen Nimmons, Robert Reichel, Joyce Ryan, and newly elected board members Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor and Jolie Hess.

Also present for part of the meeting was Jim Woodward – Treasurer.

Minutes of March Board Meeting

The minutes of the April meeting were approved by on-line poll.

Election of new Officers

Pat

Election results were as follows:

President:	Paul Cuneo
Vice-President:	Bob Dowlen
Secretary:	Beverley Cheatham
Treasurer:	Jim Woodward

After the election Pat thanked the board for their assistance in making the past year a very pleasant and rewarding time of service. Paul Cuneo led the board in thanking Pat for her past service to the board. At that point Pat departed and the meeting was chaired by Paul Cuneo.

Treasurer's Report

Jim

Jim Woodward submitted preliminary financial statements dated May 3, 2010. He brought attention to the accounting for the April Election Sectional showing table fees of \$28,592 and expenses of \$25,962.09 resulting in a preliminary net income of \$2,629.91. He stated that all expenses have not been reflected in the totals, but the tournament is expected to result in a positive net income.



District Report

Bert

Bert informed the board in his report that it was possible for members to vote in on-line polls. He stated that he would need to research internet security before he could allow people to vote in the BOD elections in on-line polls.

Bert also alerted the board that nominations for the Jacoby Award need to be sent in by July 1st. The board decided to consider the possible candidates and have further discussion at the June meeting. His report also mentioned the need to consider the candidates within Unit 174 for the Texas Star Award due by September and the District 16 Unit Goodwill Award due by year end.

Old Business

April Sectional

Bob & Robert

The Election Sectional was exceptionally well attended. There was a total table count of 717 ½-- the highest for any sectional in Houston since at least 1986. A total of 2,692.28 masterpoints were won by 695 people. The Board concluded that the increase in attendance was largely due to good publicity and the location of the tournament at the Westchase Marriott Hotel.

June Sectional 2010 Report

Robert & Kathy

Kathy discussed the need to approve additional expenditures for candy & coffee. It was decided that the Sunday session would begin at 10:00am..

Motion: To publicize the Side Games, to raise the AX Swiss strats to 4000 and to maintain the number of boards in play at the Swiss Teams Event as is.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Replacement for Betty Freedman

Kathy

It was reported that the replacement for Betty Freedman has not been finalized, but a candidate is being considered and will be contacted soon.

Zero Tolerance update

Paul

Paul reported that some clubs had implemented the Zero Tolerance Policy and he did not anticipate a need to redefine the communications.

June Sectional 2011 in Bryan

Bob

Richard Duble will Co-Chair the tournament.

August Sectional 2010

Paul

The tournament will be held at the Westchase Marriott. The tournament will be Chaired by Paul Cuneo with Chuck Ensor as Co-Chair. Starting times on Saturday will be 10:30 am and 3:30 pm. Starting time on Sunday will be 10:30 am. Two \$5 events were proposed for Friday and Saturday evening.

Motion: To approve the budget and schedule for the tournament.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Paul stated that he would be purchasing the Fuji instant camera and film and will have it available for taking photos of event winners and new life masters.



Use of National Funds

Paul

The March 2009 NABC funds have been used as itemized:

- Reimbursed some of the expenses from the social bridge event held In February.
- Reimbursed rent to clubs which closed during the 2009 NABC.
- Lowered entry fees to \$5 for one event at the sectional tournaments.
- Built two storage carts for supplies.
- Subsidized school teachers in public schools to teach bridge.
- Subsidized programs for 0-20 games, mentor games and I/N classes.
- Purchased a \$1500 sound system.
- Lowered the fees for the STAC games to unit clubs.

The Board discussed meeting at another time to determine how the balance of the funds would be dispensed. It was decided that a special planning meeting will be held at Tracy G's at 9:00 am Monday, May 17th to explore the various options.

New Business

Board Assignments

Paul

- Book Sales Coordinator – Joyce Ryan
- Communications Committee – To be determined later
- Education Liaison – Joyce Ryan
- GNT Coordinator – Robert Reichel/Beverley Cheatham
- NAP Coordinator – Robert Reichel/Beverley Cheatham
- Goodwill/Awards/Flyers – Karen Nimmons
- I/N Coordinator – Kathy Hughes/ Joyce Ryan
- Membership – Bert Onstott
- Fund Raising Coordinator – Bob Dowlen
- STAC Coordinator – Bob Dowlen/Chuck Ensor
- Pro-Am Coordinator – Paul Cuneo
- Lone Star Regional Chair/Co-Chair – Paul Cuneo/Bob Dowlen
- Supplies – Robert Reichel/Chuck Ensor/Bob Dowlen
- Tournament Coordinator – Jolie Hess/Paul Cuneo
- Social Bridge – Beverley Cheatham

October Sectional 2010

The October Sectional to be held in Humble will be Chaired by Karen Nimmons and Co-Chaired by Beverley Cheatham.



Youth & Junior Ambassadors

The board did not have any suggestions for candidates for the Youth & Junior Ambassadors at this time.

Unit Charity Games

Paul

Paul announced that four Unit Charity Games will be added to the 2010 Calendar in July, August, November and December to compensate for loss of special games by the Clubs.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Beverley Cheatham

Secretary

