

♠ ♥ Unit 174 - HOUSTON ♦ ♣

**Memorandum of Discussion**

**ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 7, 2011**

**Houston Bridge Studio**

**Call to Order**

**Bob**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by president, Bob Dowlen. Directors present were: Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Joyce Gore, Jolie Hess, Kathy Hughes, and Errol LeCesne. Also present were Bert Onstott and Jim Woodward.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Errol**

The online October minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Jim**

Jim Woodward presented the Unit 174 Balance Sheet, as of November 7, 2011 showing Total Assets of \$103,134.09.

Motion to accept the report was seconded and approved.

**District Report**

**Bert**

Bert Onstott noted that the District Board meets quarterly thus he had no report tonight. When asked about other Unit's membership growth goals action plans, he responded that only three Units submitted their plans and he will share highlights on the District web site.

**Old Business**

**Bob**

**Mike Lawrence Seminars**

The **Mike Lawrence Seminars** set for February 24 - 25, 2012, will cost \$35.00 for single session/duplicate game and \$100.00 for all three sessions. Flyers are pending and Bob will look into offering a game following the seminars where participants can put into practice what was taught. Private group lessons are available for \$750.00.

**Humble Sectional**

**Beverley**

Beverley shared the results of a study she completed which compared last year's tournament with this year. She found that the -35.5 table loss was primarily in team games. Discussion followed with speculations that the elimination of Compact Knockouts, change from Halloween weekend, the

Regional in Corpus Christi (which caused the date change) were contributors. It was noted that on a 5 year average the tournament probably will fare better. It was also pointed out that the tournament was \$1,500.00 under budget for hospitality.

### **Election Sectional**

**Jolie/Chuck**

The schedule and budget for the 4/13-15, 2012 tournament was unanimously approved by the Board.

### **Unit 174 2012 Calendar**

**Jolie**

The Board approved the schedule of sanctioned events for 2012.

### **Clear Lake South Shore Harbor**

**Chuck**

The 11/9-11, 2012 Sectional now has a co-chair; namely, Kathy Hughes

### **2012 Lone Star Regional Tournament (LSR)**

Chuck shared many ideas for giveaways and the Board voted to leave it up to Chuck to decide based on cost effectiveness.

The Board voted unanimously to give Donna Sparks, Unit Photographer, a free hotel room at the Regional.

Event Naming at the LSR is off to a good start with one event sold. Buyers are encouraged to do write-ups with pictures.

The Board agreed to have Paul Cuneo pursue the Dan Morse suggestion that we adopt the "Teacher/Student Play Free Program" offered in Florida. The program reportedly resulted in more than 250 new players in the Florida Regional.

## **New Business**

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### **STaC**

**Joyce**

The Board voted unanimously to uphold the "No playing director with 7 or more tables" policy of our Unit.

### **Nominating Committee**

**Bob**

Board candidates are still needed. Kathy Hughes announced that she will seek re-election.

### **Unit Verifier**

**Bob**

Two volunteers were offered and the Board voted to offer the position to Vic Sitton.

## **Replacing Boards and Cards**

**Bob**

A discussion followed the need to replace cards in boards for LSR . The Board decided to let the tournament chairs handle it during the tournament setup period.

## **Executive Session - Personnel Matters**

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**Adjournment: 9:07 PM**

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Errol LeCesne, Secretary