



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

November 4, 2013

### Tracy Gee Community Center

#### Call to order

Chuck Ensor

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am. Directors present were: Beverley Cheatham, Paul Cuneo, Chuck Ensor, Joyce Gore, Kathy Hughes, Errol LeCesne, Tom Martinsen, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer. Jim Woodward, treasurer, was also present.

#### Approval of minutes

Bill Riley

**Motion: That the October minutes be approved.**

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

#### Treasurer's Report

Chuck Ensor/Jim Woodward

Jim Woodward had sent the report via Email. He reported some changes based on dating and cutting off at the end of the month. The October Sectional shows profit of \$1000 but there are several expenses unpaid. An estimate of \$2500 deficit is expected.

The year ending balance will be approximately \$85,000; last year's balance was \$57,000.

**Motion: That the October Treasurer's report be approved.**

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

#### District Report

Paul Cuneo

Paul had no report. The next meeting is at the regional in January.

#### Old Business

##### 2014 LSR

Nancy Strohmer / Beverley Cheatham / Chuck Ensor

##### *Hospitality*

Nancy presented her revised schedule for hospitality and recognition days. The following was agreed as the schedule.



#### 4 days of Hospitality

- TUESDAY, Jan 28, after 2:30 pm game (approx. 5:30-6pm): EDDIE WOLD RECOGNITION DAY - Hot Dogs & Cake\*. Location: IN/Partnership area.
- WEDNESDAY, Jan 29, 2 pm: Cookies sponsored by the Marriott. Location: Coffee station.
- FRIDAY, Jan 30, 2 pm: GUILLERMO POPLAWSKY RECOGNITION DAY – Ice Cream (Bars) & Cake\*. Location: IN/Partnership area.
- SATURDAY, Feb 1, 2 pm: Brownies sponsored by the Marriott. Location: Coffee station.

#### *Named Events at Regional*

Beverley discussed that she has sold several of the events.

Joyce discussed the naming for all of the events on Thursday for Richard Grammer. The chairman will complete the final arrangements.

#### *TAP Course*

Betty Starzec will be doing the Teachers Course.

#### *Director's Course*

Guillermo Poplawsky will be doing this one last time.

#### **October Sectional**

**Errol LeCesne / Bill Riley**

Bill applauded Errol and Abbe for their grandchildren's efforts – particularly the setting up and taking down of all of the tables. The budget will be completed for the next meeting.

Paul agreed to negotiate the contract for the sectional two years from now. Coffee was a major issue.

This was the first tournament that we have not had Knockouts but had bracketed Swiss. No one voiced missing the Kos or Compact KO.

#### **NAP/GNT**

**Tom Martinsen / Beverley Cheatham**

The clubs are ready for the NAP on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Tom will set up the date and clubs for the GNT.

#### **October and December STAC**

**Joyce Gore**

Joyce reported that there were 637 ½ tables for the October. The unit made a profit of \$1,060.75.

The December STAC is set up for Dec 9-15<sup>th</sup>.

There was a discussion about the non-playing director and differences between the district and the unit requirements. Unit 174 requires a non-playing director for games greater than 5 tables.

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\* CAKE @ COSTCO: \$17.99/HALF SHEET – SERVES 48 PEOPLE...or Kroger—RECOMMEND 4 CAKES



## Bridge in Schools / Education Liaison

Errol Lecesne

Errol will be making a presentation to The Retired Classroom Teachers Association. Retired teachers are uniquely qualified to return to their former schools as volunteer bridge teachers. We will discuss our Unit conducting a training workshop, ACBL teacher stipends, and possible equipment/supply grant from the ACBL Education Foundation. He will keep the Board posted.

## Unit Sponsored Lessons

Chuck Ensor / Errol Lecesne

Chuck has been corresponding with Shawn Quinn. Based on the schedules of Eddie Wold and herself, the course will probably be in late September, 2014.

## Procedures Manual

Paul Cuneo

One issue that was discussed was the reimbursement for the mentor/mentee program. The current reimbursement is \$2 but that information did not get updated in the procedure manual. The board agreed that this should continue.

The manual was sent for review for final approval.

## Membership Attraction & Retention

Group

We did offer 0-5 playing free. 19 were used at the October tournament.

**Motion: That free plays for members with 0-5 masterpoints be continued at all sectionals for the Friday and Saturday sessions.**

The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

## 2014 Sanctions

Bill Riley

Bill presented all of the sanctions currently available online.

SANCTION #	Type of Tournament	Site	Dates
1311101	I/N 499 Sectional	Spring	Nov 21-24, 2013
1312041	STaC Sectional	STaC U 174 (D 16)	Dec 9-15, 2013
1401118	I/N 99 Sectional	Houston	Jan 9-12, 2014
1402004	Open Regional	Houston	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2014
1403124	I/N 299 Sectional	Spring	Mar 13-16, 2014
1404018	Open Sectional	Houston	Apr 4-6, 2014
1404127	I/N 499 Sectional	Houston	Apr 24-27, 2014
1406019	Open Sectional	Houston	Jun 6-8, 2014
1406099	I/N 499 Sectional	Spring	Jun 19-22, 2014
1407061	I/N 99 Sectional	Houston	Jul 10-13, 2014
1408012	Open Sectional	Houston	Aug 8-10, 2014
1409126	I/N 299 Sectional	Spring	Sep 11-14, 2014
1411036	Open Sectional	League City	Nov 7-9, 2014
1412034	I/N 299 Sectional	Houston	Dec 4-7, 2014
1502005	Open Regional	Houston	Jan 26-Feb 1, 2015
1504015	Open Sectional	Houston	Apr 24-26, 2015
1506016	Open Sectional	Houston	Jun 5-7, 2015
1508010	Open Sectional	Houston	Aug 7-9, 2015
1511018	Open Sectional	Humble	Oct 30-Nov 1, 2015
1602022	Open Regional	Houston	Feb 1-7, 2016
1604017	Open Sectional		Apr 1-3, 2016
1606018	Open Sectional	Houston	Jun 10-12, 2016



1608009	Open	Sectional		Aug 12-14, 2016
1611020	Open	Sectional	League City	Nov 4-6, 2016
1702014	Open	Regional	Houston	Jan 30-Feb 5, 2017
1704017	Open	Sectional	Houston	Apr 7-9, 2017
1706009	Open	Sectional	Houston	Jun 9-11, 2017
1708005	Open	Sectional	Houston	Aug 11-13, 2017
1710016	Open	Sectional	Humble	Oct 27-29, 2017
1802009	Open	Regional	Houston	Jan 29-Feb 4, 2018
1804017	Open	Sectional	Houston	Apr 13-15, 2018
1806008	Open	Sectional	Houston	Jun 8-10, 2018
1808004	Open	Sectional	Houston	Aug 10-12, 2018
1811010	Open	Sectional	League City	Nov 9-11, 2018
1902008	Open	Regional	Houston	Feb 4-10, 2019
1904011	Open	Sectional	Houston	Apr 5-7, 2019
1906008	Open	Sectional	Houston	Jun 7-9, 2019
1908001	Open	Sectional	Houston	Aug 9-11, 2019
1910006	Open	Sectional	Humble	Oct 25-27, 2019
2002006	Open	Regional	Houston	Feb 3-9, 2020
2004008	Open	Sectional	Houston	Apr 3-5, 2020
2006009	Open	Sectional	Houston	Jun 5-7, 2020
2008003	Open	Sectional	Houston	Aug 7-9, 2020
2011007	Open	Sectional	League City	Nov 6-8, 2020

### ABA Joint Event

**Nancy Strohmer / Errol Lecesne**

Errol presented that the game is a go. A Saturday in February 2014 is proposed. Unfortunately Tracy Gee is not available. Alternative sites will be sought.

### Whirlwind Bridge

**Beverley Cheatham**

Beverley is in the process of the paperwork. She is looking into setting it up at the Sosa Center to lock in a date.

### Nominating Committee

Both Bob Dowlen and Norm Gautier declined being the chair. Various names were proposed. Chuck will proceed with the names suggested.

### Length of Sectionals

**Chuck Ensor**

This is a work in process. There was a discussion about the process. There was discussion about the board making a recommendation to the members after reviewing all of the issues. The schedule was discussed in depth. The goal is to have the information available at the January regional.

### Christmas Parties

**Chuck Ensor**

Jim would like to review the Email / letter that goes out to the club. The Christmas party stipend was discussed previously and no change in the reimbursement of maximum of \$10 per table. Receipts and the ACBL recap sheet (if not posted) need to be submitted to Jim. Chuck agreed to prepare the communication.



## **New Business**

### **April Election Sectional**

**Paul Cuneo**

Chairs were named for the election sectional. Kathy Hughes and Paul Cuneo will chair the tournament.

### **Newsletter**

**Nancy Strohmer**

There was discussion about review by the board of the content in the letter. This will be done and 24 hour turnaround is required.

### **Memorials**

**Nancy Strohmer**

Nancy presented a request from a member about doing an annual remembrance of those members who passed in the last year. Possibly around Memorial Day was a possibility. The board will discuss this and possibly formalize it.

## **Executive Session**

The board was in executive session for 10 minutes.

## **Future Meeting dates**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Dec 2, at 9:30am at Tracy Gee Community Center.

## **Adjourn**

**Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Riley, Secretary

