



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

November 5, 2014

Tracy Gee

Call to order

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley Cheatham, president of unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Directors present were: Bob Armstrong, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Kathy Hughes, Daniel Jackson, Tom Martinsen, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer. Gary Hercules, treasurer for unit 174, was also present.

Bill Riley participated by telephone.

Rhonda Bryant was absent

Approval of minutes

Bob Armstrong

Nancy Strohmer had emailed copies of the October minutes to the Board members.

Motion: That the October Minutes be approved.

The above motion was made by Daniel Jackson and seconded by Nancy Strohmer. The motion was approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

Gary Hercules had emailed copies of the Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting. The Verifier's Report was received via email from Mike Hofmann with the statement that transactions presented in the Treasurer's Report agreed with the latest bank statement.

There was a discussion about how to categorize the Unit subsidiaries for teams winning the right to go to national events. The general consensus was to continue to show it as expenditure under the event during which the win occurred.

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

The above motion was made by Chuck Ensor and seconded by Daniel Jackson. The motion was approved by all present.



There was no report this month.

Old Business**LSR 2015****Beverley Cheatham / Nancy Strohmmer**

Kathy Hughes stated that she had a preliminary list of the guest speakers and would us the coming month to confirm that they would be willing to speak. Additional names were suggested by other board members.

There was a discussion about using trash bags tied to each table instead of the current use of trash buckets. The consensus was to continue with the current method.

Beverley reviewed the Unit 174 Tournament Policies and Procedures. Most items were confirmed. Two items required rewording. The victory point scale for Swiss Team events will be changed for 30 point scale to 20 point scale. For the LSR, all Two Session Open Pairs events will be 26 or 27 boards. Wording will be revised for review with DIC for the November Sectional.

Chuck discussed the status and presented the steps required for approval by the District for the Mid-Flight Pairs, including the subsequent steps for implementations. Information about the event at the LSR will be made public using available communication vehicles.

Nancy reported that the Event Naming was going well. Ads continue to come in. The prizes (cups, pens and appliqués) are in. Samples were shown. She asked for ideas about the naming of the Hospitality Event for consideration and decision at the next Board Meeting. She also mentioned that she now has a restaurant gift card for every session.

November 2014 Sectional**Chuck Ensor / Rhonda Bryant**

Chuck reported that the event planning was all in place. He clarified the status of payment to the hotel with Gary Hercules. The start time for set-up will be 11:00 Friday morning.

April 2015 Sectional**Nancy Strohmmer / Chuck Ensor**

Nancy had emailed the proposed schedule. Additional wording was discussed. One suggestion was to use a Board A Match for the highest bracket. It was agreed to experiment with Board A Match in the August 2015 Sectional.

Motion: That the April 2014 Sectional Schedule be approved.

The above motion was made by Chuck Ensor and seconded by Daniel Jackson. The motion was approved by all present.

June 2015 Sectional**Bob Armstrong / TBD**

Bob stated that he planned to submit for Board approval the same schedule Nancy had presented for the April Sectional. He will email a copy prior to the next Board Meeting.

August 2015 Sectional**Beverley Cheatham / TBD**

Nothing to report. Chuck suggested providing a flyer for distribution at the LSR 2015 to alert people that the plan was to hold a 4 day tournament again in August.



November 2015 Sectional

Daniel Jackson / Bill Riley

Daniel presented the concept of holding a "Name That Tournament" during the LSR 2015. Ballots would be distributed at the Hospitality Table, with the winning suggestion to be approved by the Board. The winner would then receive a non-transferable free entry for the entire November 2015 Sectional.

The issue of arranging bus transportation to this event was discussed. After discussing pros and cons, it was decided to drop the idea,

GNT/NAP/STAC

Tom Martinsen / Bill Riley

GNT – The qualifying tournament will be held at the Houston Bridge Studio on February 22, 2015.

NAP – Last event had fewer tables than in the past which resulted in a loss of \$640, primarily due to providing lunch. The consensus was to continue the practice of providing lunches. Bill Riley agreed to publish the next steps in the NAP competition. Bob Armstrong agreed to review past minutes to find the amount of stipends given in the past.

STaC – It appears as if ACBL does not have Bill Riley as the Unit 174 STaC coordinator. Bob Armstrong agreed to call ACBL to ensure that they have the proper name. Gary Hercules asked for confirmation of payments by the various clubs holding STaC events. Tom Martinsen agreed to collect the data and provide it to Gary.

Motion: That Unit 174 conducts STaC events under the ACBL Conditions of Contest

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

District Charity Committee

Nancy Strohmer

Nancy reported that the next issue of the Scorecard will have an article about the recipients with pictures. Nancy also has the very nice recognition message sent by the ACBL to the various recipients. Chuck will send a reminder to all club managers about the upcoming charity games stating the name of the Unit 174 selected charity and encourage them to hold the games.

Whirlwind Bridge

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley will check with Rhonda Bryant to get a report of how many attendees have continued to experience bridge.

Preamble

Bob Armstrong

Legal review resulted in no issues with the new wording. Bob Armstrong recommended the new wording be included as a By Law revision during the April General Meeting for approval by the general membership. Upon approval by the general membership, the revised preamble will read:

"American Contract Bridge League Unit No. 174 exists under the sanction of the American Contract Bridge League and functions as an unincorporated nonprofit association in compliance with the Constitution, Bylaws and regulations of the American Contract Bridge League."

Motion: That the suggested wording as reviewed by Unit 174 Legal be placed before the Unit 174 membership for approval of a By Law revision during the April General Meeting.

The above motion was made by Bob Armstrong and seconded by Chuck Ensor. The motion was approved by all present.



Selected Areas of Interest

Group

Bob Armstrong stated that he had been through Article V and had found no addition issues and asked that the other Board members provide feedback on as issues in Articles I through V they deem to need review. Chuck Ensor brought up the issue of expenditure amounts requiring prior approval. Bob stated that that was part of Article VI and would be a topic of discussion at the December Board Meeting.

Bob reminded those present that the Bill Riley Area of Interest, visiting various clubs, continued to need attention. Members should check their calendars to look at their ability to participate.

New Business

Nominating Committee

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley reported that Jane Armstrong is serving as the Chairperson for the committee and has recruited 4 others to serve on the committee. Chuck reminded the Board that the By Laws implied that the members of the committee be approved by the Board. Beverley then read the names of the proposed nominating committee. The persons are Jane Armstrong, Bob Dowlen, Dianna Gittelman, Patti Mullendore and Betty Starzec.

Motion: That the above list of committee members be approved.

The above motion was made by Daniel Jackson and seconded by Nancy Strohmer. The motion was approved by all present.

Holiday Parties

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley reviewed what had been done in the past. We have allowed multi-session clubs to hold 1 daytime party, 1 nighttime party and 1 novice party. Unit 174 will reimburse the clubs the amount of actual receipts up to \$10 per table with the submittal of actual receipts and the game file to the Unit Treasurer prior to the end of January the year following the parties.

ABA/ACBL Game

Nancy Strohmer

The event has been scheduled for February 28, 2015 at Tracy Gee at 10:30 am.

Election Judges

Beverley Cheatham

Pat and Owen Bunn have consented to continue as the Unit 174 Election Judges.

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session this month.

Future Meeting dates

The next UNIT Board meeting will be held on Monday December 8th, at 9:30 AM at Tracy G

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was made by Bob Armstrong, seconded by Nancy Strohmer and approved at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Armstrong, Secretary

