



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
November 2, 2015
Tracy Gee's Community Center

Call to order

Nancy Strohmer

Nancy Strohmer, President of Unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Directors present were Bob Armstrong, John Caudill, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Walter Freitag, Daniel Jackson, and Nancy Strohmer.

Directors absent were Daniel Leightman and Bill Riley.

Other attending was Gary Hercules, Treasurer.

Approval of minutes

Walter Freitag

No minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

No treasurer's report was approved.

Gary Hercules brought up the need for a savings account.

Motion: That a savings account be opened.

The above motion was made by Chuck Ensor and seconded by John Caudill. The motion was approved by all.

District Report

Paul Cuneo

There was no District Report.

Old Business

November 2015 Sectional

Daniel/Bill

Daniel Jackson stated that everything was on schedule for this tournament. Daniel Jackson has not received the layout from Kevin Perkins.



April 2016 Sectional

Chuck/Dan

Chuck Ensor and all discussed the flyer, which will be distributed at November 2015 Sectional. No one had strong objections to the times as presented. There will be 24 boards on Sundays.

LSR 2016

Nancy/Bob

Nancy Strohmer stated that 2 corporations have agreed to pay \$500 for an event naming and 4 individuals have signed up for an event naming. There are four hospitality days. Teacher appreciation day will be Friday. Marriott will provide two days of hospitality. The hospitality gift will be a convention card holder with an applique. There will be a director's refresher course. Nancy is working with Speedy Printing to print the daily bulletins.

Selected Areas of Emphasis for 2015/Board Assignments

Group

Learn Bridge in a Day® will be January 30, 2016 at Tracy Gee Community Center from 9:30 am to 2:20 pm. The instructor will be Betty Starzec.

Robert Armstrong, Walter Freitag, Sheryl Thomas and Nancy Strohmer are working on restaurant discounts/gift certificates. Sheryl Thomas has got 11 restaurants to agree to discounts and/or gift cards.

Nancy Strohmer stated that joint ABA/ABCL will be held March 5, 2016.

Daniel Jackson has access to the website for ACBL Unit 174. Changes are still being done by Bert Onstott.

Newsletter was recently distributed through Robly.

Nancy Strohmer is working on obtaining advertisements for the unit directory.

Bob Armstrong stated there will be a time limit on topics at the annual meeting - 2 minutes to bring up motion and three minutes to discuss with membership. Nancy Strohmer will discuss the changes in the annual meeting in the President's post for December 2015. Members will be encouraged to bring up issues during the year at one of our Board Meetings.

Beverly Cheatham stated that NAP will be November 7 and 8, 2015 at Westside Bridge Academy (Sunday) and Bridge Club of Houston (Saturday).

Beverly Cheatham stated that Bert Onstott had concerns about having the GNT on February 28, 2016. John Caudill and Walter Freitag will get with Bert Onstott regarding his concerns. In the future, there should be no other events going on at the club where the GNT is held.

Chuck Ensor stated that STaC is going as planned

Walter Freitag stated that cards have been purchased. At the November 2015 sectional, we will replace the cards as necessary.

Caddy Program

Nancy

The Caddy Program is as follows:

1. Caddy Chair – John Caudill
2. Head Caddy – Randy Simpson
3. Sectionals
 - a. Head caddy pay per session, except Sunday - \$50
 - b. Head caddy room – not applicable



- c. Caddy pay per session, except Sunday - \$35
- d. Head caddy pay on Sunday - \$115
- e. Caddy pay on Sunday - \$85
- 4. Regional
 - a. Head caddy pay per session, except Sunday - \$50
 - b. Head caddy room – Monday through Saturday
 - c. Caddy pay per session, except Sunday - \$35
 - d. Head caddy pay on Sunday - \$115
 - e. Caddy pay on Sunday - \$85
- 5. No other expenditures will be paid.

Motion: That the caddy program be approved as presented.

The above motion was made by John Caudill and seconded by Walter Freitag. The motion was approved by all.

Stanchions **Daniel**

Gary Hercules and Hans Strohmer will take the stanchions that need to be refurbished from the November Sectional tournament and repair them before the Lone Star Regional in February 2016.

2018 Open Trials **Bob**

Paul Cuneo will work with Jan Martell with ACBL regarding the hotel to be used for this event. Otherwise, ACBL needs no help from ACBL Unit 174 for the open trials.

Mini-Bridge **Bob**

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Board Candidates **Nancy**

The board candidates are Dianna Gittelman, Bill Riley, Bill Daniel, Judy Busby, Janet Seifert and Ken Hudson.

Tournament Tipping **Group**

Motion: The Concierge be tipped \$100 at sectionals and \$200 at regional and \$20 to workers for exceptional work (rarely to be done) as determined by tournament chairs.

The above motion was made by Beverley Cheatham and seconded by Bob Armstrong. The motion was approved by all.

Hand Records for Swiss Teams **Dan/Chuck**

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Membership survey/Poll **Dan**

Everyone is to review the survey sent out by Daniel Leightman and provide Dan feedback, which should be copied to all Board Members.



New Business

Incorporation

Dan

ACBL recommends that Unit 174 be incorporated; however, no units in District 16 are incorporated. ACBL has insurance coverage for the units.

Playing Directors Issue

Nancy

ACBL has rules to handle playing directors at clubs and tournaments. Playing directors must not do boards for tournament.

Making boards at tournaments

Group

Nancy Strohmer stated that Wolf Schroeter has offered to make the boards at regional. Nancy Strohmer will discuss terms with Wolf.

Full-service club holiday party subsidy

Daniel

There was discussion regarding holiday party subsidy. (See minutes for December 2015 for motion that was passed.)

Executive Session

Nancy moved the meeting to Executive Session. The Executive Session lasted 2 minutes.

Future Board Meetings

The next Unit Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 9:30 am at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was made by Bob Armstrong and seconded by Beverley Cheatham. The motion was approved by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Freitag, Secretary

