



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

October 4, 2010

Houston Bridge Studio

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Paul Cuneo-President, Bob Dowlen-Vice-President, Beverley Cheatham, Jolie Hess, Kathy Hughes, Karen Nimmons, and Joyce Ryan.

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

Minutes of Month board meeting

Secretary

The minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim

Month Financials

Jim Woodward submitted preliminary financial statements dated October 4, 2010. The final accounting for the August Sectional reported a loss of \$3,191.83. This was anticipated due to reduction of fees for two sessions.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer reports

The motion was seconded and approved.

District Report

Bert Onstott reported that the membership was up 5 from last month. It was also reported that the Houston Unit Stac games to be held on October 4-10 conflict with the Beaumont Sectional which is held October 8-10. It was too late to change the dates.

Bert reported that the usage of the website remains high with 169,123 hits during the month of September. This compares to 68,093 in Austin area for the same period.



Old Business

Education Report

Joyce

Joyce reported that a total of 115 books and 30 card sets were sold in October. New purchasers were Barbara Peck, teaching at Pine Forest Country Club and Wallace Twichell, teaching at St. Mark's Episcopal in Bellaire.

2011 Regional

Paul

Flyers for the 2011 Regional were given to board members for distribution. Jolie initiated a discussion about conducting a Director's course at the 2011 Regional since 2007 was the last time the course was held.

Motion was made to offer the Director's course at the 2011 Regional.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Jolie volunteered to take the reservations for the Director's course.

October Sectional Report

Karen/ Beverley

Karen reported that volunteers to help set up for the tournament were in place and that the meal is being catered by Demeris Bar-B-Q. Coffee and water is being provided.

NAP/GNT

Robert

The qualifying games for the NAP will be held November 13th and 14th at Bridge Club of Houston and Houston Bridge Studio. The players that have qualified are listed on the Unit 174 website.

Supplies

Robert/Chuck

Supplies are in good shape for the October Sectional.

Awards

Karen

Karen reported that life master plaques and Pro-Am trophies have been ordered.

Clear Lake Sites

Chuck/Bob

Paul is waiting to hear from South Shore Harbour Resort .

Unit Calendar

Jolie

Jolie reported that all sectionals thru 2015 are now properly sanctioned. The locations listed are subject to change. ACBL liability insurance has been requested for all tournaments through April, 2011.

Unit Club Championships for the months of February, April and September were cancelled and new dates of January 5, March 15, 18 and 28, May 19, June 15 and August 17 were proposed.

Motion was made to accept the change in the calendar and approve the proposed dates.

The motion was seconded and approved.



Pro/Am

Paul

The board congratulated Bob Dowlen and his partner Jean Foltz from the Clear Lake Club. With a 70.83% game they were first in A and B. Also congratulations to Pro/Am winners Barbara Phillips and Sandra Pollard for placing first in C. A total of 30 tables participated in the Pro/Am, less than anticipated. The decision to schedule the 2011 Pro/Am during the day or at night is under discussion.

New Business

Social Bridge Event

Beverley

Norm Gautier has made contact with Don Gebert, a retired Lutheran Minister, who is teaching social bridge to a class of 200 registered players in the Woodlands. Mr. Gebert has consented for Norm to come to his class and present information about duplicate bridge. With the help of Kathy Hughes and Joyce Ryan, Beverley is putting together a packet of hand-outs and an invitation for his class to attend an introductory game of duplicate bridge at the Bridge Club of Houston on October 25, 2010.

Executive Session

Executive Session was held.

Future Meeting dates

The next Board Meeting will be November 1st

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Beverley Cheatham

Secretary

