



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

October 1, 2012

Houston Bridge Studio

Call to order

Paul

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Directors present were: Beverley Cheatham, Paul Cuneo, Chuck Ensor, Joyce Gore, Jolie Hess, Tom Martinsen, and Nancy Strohmer. Also present were Jim Woodward and Bert Onstott.

Approval of minutes

Paul

Motion: That the online September minutes be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim

Jim Woodward presented the Treasurer's Report which included **Unit 174 Balance Sheet** as of September 30, 2012, showing Current Assets of \$82,553.51.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved.

District Report

Bert

Membership is down nine to 2,532 and two new members were added to the roster. The report shows that 57% of our new members renew the first time and we are attracting about 240 new members each year.

Robert Morris was appointed to be 2nd Alternate District Director, filling out the remainder of Al Lochli's (who passed away in September) term. He had already been elected, but his term didn't start until January 1, 2013.

Melody Euler (the D16 NAP Coordinator) reported that District 16 will have the additional at-large qualifier to Nationals in Flight B for North American Pairs in 2013. So instead of only the top three pairs qualifying to go to Nationals, the top four in the district competition will go.

Old Business



Lone Star Regional

Paul/Chuck

Chuck needs help with event sponsoring/naming.

April Sectional

Paul/Tom

Tom Martinsen will be co-chairing with Paul.

Clear Lake Update

Chuck

Chuck and Kathy had a meeting at the hotel. Layout is for 125 tables.

Planning Meeting Action Items

Paul

- 1) Paul is meeting with Eddie Wold, Bob Morris, and Shawn Quinn on October 9 to discuss the possibility of offering a class similar to the one that Mike Lawrence offered last year.
- 2) E-Blast: Nancy emailed 1900+ members the publication for Special Events and Classes. Over one-third of the membership opened the email—the highest thus far.

NAP

Beverley

Unit qualification for flight B will be on November 3 at BCOH and on November 4 at the Bridge Studio for flights A and C.

STAC

Joyce

Will take place October 8-14. Everything is ready; seventeen clubs will participate.

Bridge in Schools

Paul

Errol submitted a request to attend a local education workshop at the 9th Annual Youth Service Institute. This is a leading professional development conference, YSI 2012 which introduces the latest and most effective strategies for quality implementation of youth community engagement and service-learning. Attendees will network, learn, and plan together with more than 200 other attendees, including nonprofit and community leaders, educators, and youth from across the United States. The Institute is YSA's (Youth Service America) signature national training event, and will also highlight Global Youth Service Day (the largest service event in the world) and Semester of Service™, YSA's extended service-learning program. Cost for three days is \$250 / \$90 for one day.

Motion: That Errol can attend the workshop of his choice.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Directory

Paul

Speedy Printing offered Paul the same price as last time. Bert will have these ready for the upcoming Regional. No new binders will be ordered until we run out. We need to have someone look into advertisers for the Directory.

New Business

Unit Championships

Chuck

Because of the introduction of December as Grass Roots Fund month by ACBL, the Unit Championships in December were moved back to October and November. The new dates are noted on the Unit Calendar. The Grass Roots fund will help players in the GNT and NAP.



Nominating Committee

Paul

Bob Dowlen was appointed Chair.

Tournament Guidelines

Chuck

A handout was distributed containing information regarding Current Status, Goals for Scheduling Tournaments, and Action Items that Support Goals. We are in total compliance. It was recommended that we schedule our tournaments three years in advance.

Communications Committee

Nancy

Sandra Clark's committee is doing an excellent job every month. 28 members were called.

Executive Session

The board was in executive session for 10 minutes.

Future Meeting dates

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, at 10am in the library at Tracy Gee's.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Strohmer, Secretary

