



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
September 9, 2014
Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley Cheatham, president of unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

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

Director Tom Martinsen was absent.

Approval of minutes

Bob Armstrong

Bob had emailed copies of the August minutes to the Board members.

Motion: That the August Minutes be approved.

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

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

Gary Hercules presented the August Treasurers Report.

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

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

District Report

Paul Cuneo

The following District Report was submitted by Paul Cuneo via email to the members of the board and reviewed during the meeting.

- *Dan Morse reported that membership has been flat and that tournament tables and club play are slightly down versus 2013.*
- *NAP qualification has been increased to 4 pairs per flight. The District approved compensation of \$200/person for the 4th position.*



- *Nominations for the Texas Star Award and the Unit Goodwill awards are due to Scott Humphrey by 12/20/14. Scott has a heavy travel schedule after that and needs the nominations early. Each Unit may nominate one Texas Star recipient and two goodwill recipients.*
- *The next District STAC will be May 4-10, 2015*
- *Scott proposed that STACs become regional events rather than single unit events. The District approved the proposal. Houston is considered a region for STAC only and can continue to hold 2 STACs per year.*
- *The District voted to award Ira Hessel, Lew Levy and Bert Onstott 20 free plays per year for use at the District's regional tournaments in appreciation for all of their efforts.*

Old Business

LSR 2015

Beverley Cheatham / Nancy Stroemer

Flyers have been distributed for both the LSR and the November Regional. Pricing for gifts for the LSR are lower than originally reported. The new design for the stickers was discussed. Wording on the prizes is unchanged from last year. Event naming information will be sent out in the next few weeks. Ads for the daily bulletin are going to be difficult to obtain. Nancy asked for any help other board members can give. Chuck mentioned that we may need to check with the book seller to see if he is coming. Nancy asked if we were OK with other vendors setting up sales. The general feeling was that there was not enough space available. Rhoda said that she had been told that the board had stated that outside vendors could not rent space to sell their goods. Chuck stated that he was not aware of any such rule. Beverley said she would check with Paul Cuneo to verify whether or not such a rule existed. Chuck also suggested we double check to ensure the person who did the daily bulletin would also do it again.

August 4-day Sectional

Beverley Cheatham / Daniel Jackson

Beverley went over the financial report of the costs for the August Sectional. The actual loss was basically the same as the projection in the budget. Should we decide to have another 4 – Day Sectional the expenses for caddies and directors could be reduced if we were to reduce the sessions to 2 a day for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The fourth day resulted in increased costs of Hospitality. We only paid two clubs for being closed on Thursday. Gary mentioned the Hospitality was not manned when some people who came by to collect their prize and we should look at a way to ensure that players know when Hospitality would be manned so winners could collect their prizes.

Beverley then opened a discussion about whether or not to have another 4 – day sectional. The general consensus was we should have one a year. It was decided that we should set a tradition of have a 4 – day every August. Beverley requested and received confirmation by a show of hands.

Chuck then brought up several issues, which after some discussion were agreed to be tabled for later discussion.

- *Snack bar in the Pavilion*
- *Director ability to adjust stratification to balance fields*
- *Additional Speaker*
- *20 versus 30 point scale*

November Sectional

Chuck Ensor/Rhonda Bryant

Everything is ready. Meeting with the Hotel is scheduled.



April, 2015 Sectional

Confirmed responsibility

Nancy Strohmer/Chuck Ensor

June, 2015 Sectional

Confirmed responsibility

Bob Armstrong/ TBD

August, 2015 Sectional

Confirmed responsibility

Beverley Cheatham/TBD

November, 2015 Sectional

Confirmed responsibility

Bill Riley/Daniel Jackson

GNT / NAP

No Report

Tom Martinsen / Bill Riley

2015 I/N Sanctions / UNIT Championships

4 IN Sanctions remain for this year.

Chuck Ensor

UNIT supported Lessons

Nothing is set yet

Chuck Ensor

District Charities

Results will be issued in Constant Contact

Nancy Strohmer

Whirlwind Bridge

There were 104 Participants and large number of helpers. Rhonda will send a follow-up post card to the participants. Beverley stated that we appeared to be in a cash positive position with the event. Rhonda is looking into taking the training and doing it in the future.

Beverley Cheatham

Preamble

Bob sent out a revised version along with Section I of the By Laws. He stated he had seen no reason to update Section I and asked that others look at it and provide any comments. Beverley confirmed that she would send the revised Preamble to the lawyers for review.

Bob Armstrong



Selected Areas of Interest for 2014

Beverley Cheatham

Bill reported on going to other clubs and reminded the next visit would be Lake Jackson. He also suggested that we consider going to Lake Conroe.

New Business

Joyce Ryan Request

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley asked for a motion to approved Joyce Ryan's request to sell the Audrey Grant Better Bridge computer program.

Motion: That Joyce Ryan's request is approved.

The above motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Bill Riley. The motion was approved by all present.

Nominating Committee

Bob Armstrong

Bob reported that he had talked to Betty Starzec about her being the head of the nominating committee for the upcoming election for the Board of Directors and that she had agreed to do so.

New Speakers

Chuck Ensor

Chuck discussed the announcement issues we experienced at the August Sectional and suggest that it could be helped with the addition of another speaker to be located in the other room.

Motion: That Chuck is authorized to purchase a new speaker for use at tournaments.

The above motion was made by Bill Riley and seconded by Nancy Strohmer. The motion was approved by all present.

Motion: That the Board meeting be closed and move to executive session be approved.

The above motion was made by Bill Riley and seconded by Chuck Ensor. The motion was approved by all present.

Executive Session

The board was in executive session for 10 minutes.

Future Meeting dates

The next UNIT Board meeting will be held on Monday October 6, at 9:30 at Tracy G

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was made by Bob Armstrong, seconded by Bill Riley and approved at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Armstrong, Secretary

