



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 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, Chuck Ensor, Walter Freitag, Daniel Jackson, Daniel Leightman, Bill Riley, and Nancy Strohmer.

Directors absent were: John Caudill and Beverly Cheatham.

Others attending were: Gary Hercules (Treasurer) and Shawn Quinn (guest).

Approval of minutes

Walter Freitag

Walter Freitag had emailed copies of the Revised July minutes to the Board members.

Motion: That the Revised July Minutes be approved.

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

Walter Freitag had emailed copies of the August minutes to the Board members.

Motion: That the August Minutes be approved.

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

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The August Treasurer's Report had sent by email from Gary Hercules. The Verifiers Report had also been sent by Mike Hoffman.

Motion: That the August Financial Report be approved.

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



District Report**Paul Cuneo**

Nancy Strohmer talked about Teacher Appreciation Day at District Level as part of the two days of recognition at the Lone Star Regional. District will be pay for the incidentals of this event but will not pay for the food. Betty Starzec and her committee will select the teacher.

Old Business**All****November 2015 Sectional****Daniel/Bill**

Daniel Jackson and Bill Riley stated that a meeting with the race track will occur soon to include discussion on set up of tables and availability of chairs.

April 2016 Sectional**Chuck**

Chuck Ensor had sent the budget by email which includes a 3% increase in tables from 2015.

Motion: That the Budget for the April 2016 Sectional be approved.

The above motion was made by Bill Riley and seconded by Daniel Jackson. The motion was approved by all.

The schedule was discussed. Dan Leightman will prepare a survey on start times to include:

Saturday – Either 10:00 am and 3:00 pm or 10:30 am and 3:30 pm.

Friday – Either 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm, or 2:00 pm. The evening event will start at 7:00 pm.

Nancy Strohmer will use Constant Contact to send the survey out. The survey results will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion: That the schedule of morning, afternoon and evening events be approved without times and sent to ACBL for its approval.

The above motion was made by Daniel Jackson and seconded by Bill Riley. The motion was approved by all.

Selected Areas of Emphasis for 2015/Board Assignments**Group**

Walter Freitag discussed Learn Bridge in a Day will be tentatively scheduled for January 30, 2016 at Tracy Gee Community Center with Betty Starzec as the instructor. Nancy Strohmer stated that ACBL will pay 75% of advertising expenditures up to \$750 per event as long as the advertisement included the ACBL logo. Teachers should be contacted to see if they want to participate in this event.

Bill Riley stated that the next board members club visit will be on September 18, 2015 at Westside Bridge Academy.

Daniel Jackson reminded board members to copy a file off the google drive.

Bill Riley stated that Errol LeCesne is currently looking at teaching bridge in private schools.

Bill Riley stated that he is currently seeking advertisers who will pay \$100 to be included in the directory.

Bob Armstrong stated that he is currently looking at the annual membership meeting process to include the requirements that bridge players send requests to speak ahead of the meeting and



speeches will be limited to 5 minutes. The room will be reconfigured at the next membership meeting.

LSR 2016

Nancy/Group

Everyone discussed the following:

Naming an event based on an individual's name will cost \$100 and naming an event based on a company's name will cost the company \$500.

Business day where a company pays \$1,000 or other amount based on the day of the tournament to have the day named after the company and a hospitality table where company representatives can provide literature and opportunity to discuss services with bridge players. Companies can hang their banners. Companies can also purchase space in the daily bulletins.

Joyce Gore will provide personalized labels.

The gift to bridge players will be convention card holders.

Nancy Strohmer stated that the budget had been emailed to everyone.

Motion: That the Budget for the Lone Star Regional be approved.

The above motion was made by Chuck Ensor and seconded by Walter Freitag. The motion was approved by all.

LSR 2016 Hand Records for Swiss Teams

Dan

Daniel Leightman stated that having Swiss team hand records will require more time of the tournament director and investment in equipment and boards. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Nominating Committee

Nancy

Nancy Strohmer stated that Dianna Gittelman had resigned as Chair of this committee and Betty Freedman has agreed to serve as Chair. Other committee members are Lisa Zummo, Joan Sitton, Carolyn Lanier and Carolyn Labouliere.

Motion: That the above names be approved to be the nominating committee.

The above motion was made by Daniel Jackson and seconded by Bob Armstrong. The motion was approved by all.

Stanchions

Gary/Daniel

Gary Hercules stated that the current stanchions can be rebuilt.

New Business

2018 Open Trials

Bob

Bob Armstrong discussed the potential of ACBL Unit 174 participating in the Open Trials in 2018. ACBL needs someone to negotiate the hotel rates and to help out with hospitality.

Using Mini-Bridge

Bob

Shawn Quinn recommended that a committee be formed to develop marketing plan to diversify the age group in the Houston market to include the potential use of mini-bridge – bridge without



the bidding. Shawn would like to be on this committee. Bob Armstrong will ask Bob Morris to chair the committee

Bill Kiehnhoff director's test request

Walter

Walter Freitag stated that Bill Kiehnhoff wanted to take the director's test.

Motion: That Bill Kiehnhoff be approved to take the director's test.

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

Executive Session

Nancy moved the meeting to Executive Session. The Executive Session lasted 14 minutes.

Future Board Meetings

The next Unit Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 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 Chuck Ensor. The motion was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Freitag, Secretary

