



ACBL Unit 174 Annual Meeting Minutes

April 10th, 2022

Call to Order

Karen Nussbaum

The meeting was called to order at 1:56 pm by Unit 174 President Karen Nussbaum..

Minutes

Karen Nussbaum

Betty Starzec moved that the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Annual Minutes be approved.

Nancy Strohmer seconded.

Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Nussbaum

Gary Hercules was the Unit Treasurer in 2019 and 2020. During 2021 Gary Resigned and Dave Becker assumed the role of Unit Treasurer. Patrick Tourais was our previous Financial Verifier. Herb Kalman, CPA is the new Unit financial verifier.

A copy of the Unit's 2019, 2020 and 2021 Financial Report is available on the Unit 174 Website by the Treasurer.

The Unit's ending cash balance in 2019 was \$155,800. The Unit's ending cash balance in 2020 was \$200,726. The Unit's ending cash balance in 2021 was \$190,371

During 2019 Tournament attendance was down 10%. During 2020 there were no Sectional Tournaments and during 2021 Two STaC Tournaments were held. The Lone Star Regional Tournament was held in 2019 and 2020 but not in 2021.

During the period we added bidding boxes and a new projector to our Fixed Assets.

Thomas Rush moved that the Annual Treasurer's Report for 2019, 2020 and 2021 be approved.

Nancy Strohmer seconded.

Motion Approved

Karen thanked Gary, Past Treasurer and Patrick Tourais, Past Financial Verifier, as well as Dave Becker, Current Treasurer and Herb Kalman, Current Financial Verifier, for taking care of the Unit's financials.



By Law Proposed Changes

Karen Nussbaum

Kaern reviewed the two (2) proposals for changes to the By Laws.

1. Article VI Section 4, changing the wording from:

A member may exercise one or more of the votes to which the member is entitled, and unexercised votes shall not affect the validity of votes that have been exercised: but a member may not cast more than one vote for the same candidate.

to

A member may vote for one, two or three candidates, but may only vote once for the same candidate.

Thomas Rush moved that we accept the ByLaw changes to Article VI Section 4.

Betty Starzec seconded.

Motion Approved

2. DELETE Article IX Section 2, Rules and Ethics Committee: this function has been moved from the Unit to the District by ACBL.

Lauri Laufman moved that we delete Article IX Section 2. Nancy Strohmer seconded.

Motion Approved

Old Business

Unit 174 Report

Karen Nussbaum

Karen gave a review of tournament participation and the table counts for 2017 through 2021.

Tournament Outlook

Karen Nussbaum

As of March 2022 per the ACBL masks are encouraged, vaccinations required for all staff and tournament attendees. Tables should be 8 feet apart and hand sanitizer stations and masks should be available for all. No food is allowed at the table during play and drinks must be covered. Exceptions on vaccine and mask requirements will be considered on individual basis and will be due to qualifying medical conditions or firmly held religious beliefs. An ACBL representative or the Tournament Sponsor will make this determination.

Club Report

Karen Nussbaum

Karen displayed a chart of the table count for the three online clubs and explained the increase of table count due to BBO online participation. Face to face participation has decreased from over 1,000 tables per month just over 500 per month.

Membership Statistics from April 2015 to April 2022 reflect a decrease from 2,524 members to 2,320 members in April 2022. New member recruitment and member retention continue to be a top priority of the Unit Board.



Future Life Masters

Karen Nussbaum

The Future Life Masters of Unit 174 was formed for developing, educating, encouraging and supporting bridge players as they embark on their bridge journey. Please visit new website

www.flm174.org

Nancy Guthrie, Flight Commander of the FLM program

Mary Ellen Vail, Director of the Apollo 0-20 Program

Janice Hardcastle, Director of the Gemini 21-50 Program

Betty Westbrook, Director of the Discovery 51-100 Program

Unit 174 2021 and 2022 Charity

Karen Nussbaum

Houston Food Bank serving 18 Counties and 92,835 households.

2021 District 16 AWARDS

Karen Nussbaum

Star Award -In recognition of service to the Unit

Gary Hercules

Unit 174 Goodwill Award -In recognition of goodwill at the bridge table

Cindy Cox

Jimmy Breihan

Teacher of the Year

Sam Khayatt

Board of Directors

Karen Nussbaum

Karen introduced the 2021-2022 Board of Directors -Karen Nussbaum, President, Thomas Rush, Vice President, Clif Rice, Secretary, Dave Becker, Lauri Laufman, Charley Dalton, Joyce Gore, Greg May, and Kathleen McDougall.

Karen then thanked outgoing Board Members, Lauri Laufman and Joyce Gore for their service.

Key Volunteers

Karen Nussbaum

Jack recognized our key volunteers:

Al Fortier, Photographer, **Chuck Gillis**, Unit Attorney, **Ken Hudson**, Election Official, **Jack LaVigne**, Facilitator, **Paul Nimmons**, Parliamentarian, **Nancy Strohmer**, Charity Coordinator and **Sally Wheeler**, Assistant Recorder to D16.



Karen continued with:

Sam Khayatt	Unit Newsletter 2021
Jeff Kroll	Unit Newsletter 2021
Jeanne Phelps	Unit Newsletter 2022
Chris Duncan	Unit Newsletter 2022
Ann Sinclair	Events and Classes Newsletter 2021
Lauri Laufman	Events and Classes Newsletter 2021
Jeanne Phelps	Events and Classes Newsletter 2022
Linda Warren	Events and Classes Newsletter 2022
Carol Winograd	Unit Webmaster
Allison Ochsner	Unit Webmaster
Jack LaVigne	Unit 174 Scorecard Reporter

Special thanks to members of Unit 174 for their involvement in District 16:

Sam Khayatt	I/N Coordinator
Lauri Laufman	Board of Directors
Jack Lavigne	Recorder
John Magyari	Webmaster
Thomas Rush	Lecture Series Coordinator
Betty Starzec	First Vice President and Awards
Nancy Strohmer	Past President, Charity Coordinator, 99er Nite Club Liaison
Jim Woodward	Financial Verifier

Karen then thanked members of Unit 174 for involvement in ACBL at the National level:

Paul Cuneo - ACBL Board of Directors, Strategic Committee Chair, Finance Committee, ACBL Education Foundation, Board of Trustees Executive Committee Member and Treasurer.

Betty Starzec - ACBL Education Foundation Trustee, ACBL Advisory Council Member, ACBL Advisory Council Clubs and Teacher Committee, ABTA Nominating Chair/Past President/Executive Committee.

Nancy Strohmer- ACBL Charity Foundation, Trustee and President, ACBL Advisory Council, ACBL Tournament Conduct Committee

Eddie Wold- Ethical Oversight and Hall of Fame Committee Member.

New Business

Recognition & Outstanding Achievements



Diamond Life Masters - achievement of 5,000 Masterpoints

Jimmy Breihan
Betsy F Dubose
John B Dubose
Harry Elliott
Barbara Phillips
Bill Riley
Brenda Solovitz
Vinh Tranh
Richard Wilson

Emerald Life Masters – achievement of 7,500 Masterpoints:

Paul Nimmons
Vic Sitton

Platinum Life Masters – achievement of 10,000 Masterpoints:

Jack LaVigne

Presentation of Awards –

Mini-McKenney Awards 2021

By all Unit 174 Board Members

0 – 5	Barry Sanders	
5 – 20	Susan Hanna	Ranked 17 nd Nationally
20 – 50	Scott Cantor	Ranked 17 nd Nationally
50 – 100	Amy Grossman	
100 – 200	Lynn Hershey	
200 – 300	Sarah Springer	
300 – 500	Debbie Nash	Ranked 11th Nationally
500 – 1000	Paddy Fiorino	
1000 – 1500	James Sells	
1500 – 2500	Steven Bell	
2500 – 3500	Arthur Giovannangeli	
3500 – 5000	Dolores Aquino	Ranked 2nd Nationally
5000 – 7500	Vic Sitton	
7500 – 10,000	Jeff McKee	Ranked 2nd Nationally
Over 10,000	Eddie Wold	



Ace of Clubs Awards 2021

By all Unit 174 Board Members

0-5	Barry Sanders	
5-20	Susan Hanna	Ranked 11th Nationally
20-50	Scott Cantor	Ranked 17th Nationally
50-100	Kathleen Hubbard	
100-200	Carolyn Clapp	
200-300	Kenneth Bond	
300-500	Debbie Nash	Ranked 11 th Nationally
500-1,000	Rupa Shah	
1,000-1,500	James Sells	
1,500-2,500	Steven Bell	
2,500-3,500	Nancy Reader	
3,500-5,000	Dolores Aquino	Ranked 2nd Nationally
5,000-7,500	Vic Sitton	
7,500-10,000	Jeff McKee	Ranked 2nd Nationally
Over 10,000	Joe Quinn	

Election Results

Karen Nussbaum

Karen announced the Election winners:

Byron Fackenthal,
John Dubose
Sarah Springer

Congratulations to all!

Adjournment

A Motion that the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting be adjourned was made by Thomas Rush Seconded by Karen Nimmons. **Motion carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clif Rice

Unit 174 – Secretary.

