



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

April 5th, 2010

Houston Bridge Studio

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Paul Cuneo, Vice-President, John Erickson, Secretary, Bob Dowlen, Robert Reichel, Kathy Hughes, Joyce Ryan, and Lauri Laufman.

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

Minutes of March Board Meeting

The minutes of the March meeting were approved by on-line poll.

Treasurer's Report

Jim

Jim submitted financial reports dated April 5, 2010.

Motion: To approve the April 5, 2010 financial reports as presented.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Jim has also completed and filed the Unit's federal tax return and provided copies for the Board's inspection.

District Report

Bert

Melody Euler has been appointed as the NAP District Coordinator. Mark Bumgardner resigned as the GNT District Coordinator. The ACBL has reduced club master point awards for upgraded games.

Unit Web Site

Bert

Bert asked the board members to submit write-ups for inclusion on the website.



Committee Reports

Member Communications Committee

John

Betty Freedman's communications committee contacted approximately 45 members. The board discussed a replacement for Betty. Two names were agreed on, and Kathy will follow up with them.

Membership

John

Unit membership totals 2,575 as of March 31. This is a net increase of 6 in the last month, although we had 17 new members join our Unit.

NAP/GNT

John

GNT – The Unit GNT held in February was a virtual breakeven financially. Reduced revenue from lower attendance was offset by lower expenses, primarily due to hiring a local director who did not require a hotel room or heavy transportation expenses.

John has prepared a more comprehensive write-up for the duties of the GNT Coordinator and the NAP Coordinator. The documents will be circulated online among board members for comments, before being approved for the ACBL Unit 174 Policies and Procedures manual.

Supplies

Lauri

Supplies are in order for the upcoming sectional at the Marriott. Supply delivery is scheduled for Thursday morning, with pickup on the following Monday.

Old Business

April Sectional

Bob/Robert

The board decided to call for a moment of silence during the Annual Meeting on Sunday in remembrance of Anne Page, Joe McKee and all other members who have died in the past year.

June Sectional

Kathy

A revised budget was presented to the board. The Sunday meal will be boxed lunches from Jason's Deli. A flyer for the tournament has been prepared.

Motion: To approve the revised budget for the June Sectional and release of the flyer.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Photos of Event Winners at Tournaments

Paul

Polaroid film is no longer readily available for taking photos of event winners and new life masters. Kathy's research determined that purchasing it online is too expensive. Paul found that a Fuji instant camera and film can be bought on eBay at a very reasonable cost.

Motion: To authorize the purchase of a Fuji instant print camera and film for use at tournaments.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Sound System Purchase

Paul



We received an offer of \$1,500 from Evans Music and \$1,600 from the Guitar Center for the needed equipment. This will include two wireless handheld microphones, connection to the Grand Pavilion speaker system, and a speaker for the Grand Foyer. Paul felt that the quality of the Evans Music system was at least as good as the other. Without this purchase we could expect to pay the Marriott approximately \$3,300 on a yearly basis to rent their system for the Regional and two sectionals.

Motion: To authorize an expenditure of \$1,500 to purchase a sound system from Evans Music.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Scorecard Editor Replacement

Mary Jane Kinnebrew has agreed to take over this position, following the untimely death of Anne Page.

New Business

August Sectional

Paul

Paul will co-chair the August 2010 Sectional at the Marriott. The board discussed the starting time for the events on Sunday.

Motion: To start Sunday's events at 10:30 a.m.

The motion was seconded and approved.

June Sectional 2011

Bob

Bob spoke with Richard Duble, one of the current board candidates, and he has committed to co-chairing the June 2011 tournament in Bryan.

Seeding of Pairs Events at Sectionals

Paul

The board discussed a proposal to improve seeding of pairs events at sectionals. A rotating crew of experienced local players could counsel the directors to assure that stronger players are more evenly placed among sections. However, the board declined to act on this proposal, as it did not seem that our local players were better equipped than the directors to make seeding decisions.

BridgePad Rental

Paul

Pursuant to the introduction of the BridgePad scoring devices at the Lone Star Regional, several Houston area clubs have purchased the devices for their own use. The board discussed offering to rent the BridgePads during unit tournaments, as the clubs will likely be closed.

Motion: To authorize the rental of BridgePads from local clubs for unit tournaments.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Updates to Box.Net

Pat

Pat has requested all tournament chairmen and committee chairmen from this past year to update box.net for tournament results and to revise job descriptions where necessary.



Executive Session

The Board spent about five minutes in executive session.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted

John Erickson

Secretary

