



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

April 6, 2015

### Tracey Gee Community Center

#### Call to order

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley Cheatham, president of Unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Directors present were: Bob Armstrong, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Kathy Hughes, Daniel Jackson, Tom Martinsen, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer. Both Gary Hercules, treasurer for Unit 174, and Paul Cuneo, President of District 16 and Tournament Site Coordinator for Unit 174, were present.

#### Approval of minutes

Bob Armstrong

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

**Motion: That the March Minutes be approved.**

The above motion was made by Tom Martinsen and seconded by Nancy Strohmer. The motion was approved by all present.

#### Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The February treasurer's report was presented by Gary. Gary Hercules had sent it by Email. There was a discussion about balances.

**Motion: That the March Treasurer's report be approved.**

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

The Verifiers report had been received.

#### District Report

Paul Cuneo

There was no report. Paul shared data he had received from ACBL about the statistics on the membership of Unit 174 (i.e. growth, retention, ranking within the District, etc.) Paul also asked the Board to provide the answers to three questions, then vote on which of the answers ranked the highest.



- What does your Unit do well that should be shared with the other Unit Boards in the District?
  - Run tournaments ranked highest
  - Have new events ranked second
- What are your Unit's greatest needs?
  - Tools (best practices) ranked highest
  - Youth Programs and member recruitment tied for second
- What can either District 16 or ACBL do to help you meet these needs?
  - Provide help with addressing the needs above

## Old Business

### Lone Star Regional (2016)

Nancy Strohmer

Everything continues on schedule.

### April 2015 Sectional

Nancy/ Chuck

Tournament is moving along on schedule. There is a meeting scheduled with the Marriott on Friday, April 10 to finalize arrangements and start negotiations for future events. The room assignments for the GNT and voting have been settled. Chuck has agreed to handle supply delivery.

### June 2015 Sectional

Bob/TBD

Everything is progressing according to the schedule in the procedure manual. The flyer has been sent to ACBL and Scorecard.

### August 2015 4-Day Sectional

Beverley/TBD

There is nothing new to report.

### November 2015 Sectional

Daniel/Bill

Bill and Daniel presented a schedule and resulting budget for approval. There was an agreement to remove the 49'r Pairs and the 299'r pairs from the Sunday schedule, leaving the Stratified Open Pairs and the Side Games for those who did not wish to play a team game. Discussion about the budget revealed that some elements needed further investigation.

**Motion: That the Schedule as amended be approved.**

The above motion was made by Nancy Strohmer and seconded by Bob Armstrong. The motion was approved by all present.

Bob said he would build an event flyer for review.

There was a discussion of hotels in the area.

### November 2016 Sectional

Chuck Ensor

Chuck led a discussion about the issues around holding the event at South Shore again in 2016. The topics included:

- moving the dates from November 4-6 to October 28-30



- negotiating the rates with South Shore
- potential alternate sites
- ways to increase attendance
- minimizing the financial impact to the budget

**Motion: That authority be granted to Paul Cuneo and Chuck Ensor to negotiate an agreement with South Shore including improving the lighting in the venue and avoiding any increase in the rate.**

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

**GNT/NAP, STaC**

**Tom Martinsen**

GNT – A's and C's will play at the Election Sectional. B's will play in Richardson at the end of May.

NAP – Nothing to report

STaC – Nothing to report

**Supply Cabinets**

**Tom Martinsen**

Three new carts were made, one of which has the ability to securely lock to protect boards. There are two bills, one for disposal of old carts and one for transportation of the new carts from where they were manufactured to Gulf Parcel facilities.

**Club Connection**

**Bill Riley**

Bill reported that the Rileys and Strohmers had visited the club at Livingston and were well received. He confirmed that Board members had also visited Kingwood. Scheduled visits include Clear Lake on May 1st and Sugarland in June.

**Unit Calendar**

**Chuck Ensor**

Chuck had emailed a copy of the schedule prior to the meeting. There was nothing unusual about this version.

**Motion: That 2016 Schedule of Unit Events be approved**

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

**United States Team Trials**

**Daniel/Bill/Bob**

Daniel started the discussion by reporting that a later piece of information came from USBF about the desire to hold both the Regular Team Trials along with the Senior Team Trials. Shipping the equipment only once is the reason for holding both at the same place. Discussions with people who have been involved with this in the past have revealed that the amount of effort associated with the Regular Trials would result in an order-of-magnitude increase in the effort. Since the Regular Trials would be in May and the Senior Trial in June, there would be an almost constant need for volunteers from the normal April Sectional through June. The committee requested that no decision be made at this time and that the newly elected Board members be included in the final decision since they will still be on the board when these trials would occur.



## New Business

### Mentor/Mentee Limits

Beverley

Beverley reported that there had been some requests to raise the limits for mentees from 299 to 499. Non-life Masters over 300 points have expressed a desire to continue as mentees until they reached 500. There was discussion about the difficulty in finding more mentors. An agreement was reached to table the issue until Bob Armstrong was able to research the procedure manual to determine the level of authority that is held by individual clubs.

### Replacement

Beverley

Beverley reported that Mike Lee had resigned as the Ethics Committee Chair. She asked for suggestions for a replacement. After some discussion by the Board, it was agreed to await the outcome of the April Election to make a decision.

## Executive Session

Beverley requested a motion for moving to Executive Session.

**Motion: That the normal session be closed and the Board move to Executive Session.**

Motion was made by Bob Armstrong, seconded by Nancy Strohmer and approved by all present.

The board was in executive session for 10 minutes.

## Future Board Meetings

The next Unit Board meeting will be held on Monday May 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Westside Bridge Academy.

## Adjourn

Beverley asked for agreement to adjourn the meeting which was given by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Armstrong, Secretary

