



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2019
Westside Bridge Academy

Call to order

Ken Hudson

Ken Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Directors in attendance: Cindy Cox, Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Daniel Jackson, Lauri Laufman, Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, Clif Rice and Sheryl Thomas. Also present: Ken Hudson, Betty Starzec, Nancy Strohmer and Treasurer, Gary Hercules.

Election of New Officers Subsequent to New Board Member Election

Ken Hudson

President: Lauri Laufman, nominated by K. Malcolmson, seconded and approved unanimously.

Vice President: Jack LaVigne, nominated by L. Laufman, seconded and approved unanimously.

Secretary: Kathleen Malcolmson, nominated by L. Laufman, seconded and approved unanimously.

Welcome New Board Members

Lauri Laufman

Cindy Cox, Clif Rice and continuing member, Lauri Laufman. Thank you to outgoing members Ken Hudson and Betty Starzec.

Approval of Minutes

Lauri Laufman

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the March 2019 Minutes be approved.

The motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.



Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The March 2019 Financial Statements were prepared and emailed to the Board. Financial statements were verified by Mike Hofmann.

Motion: That the March 2019 Financial Statements be approved.

The motion was made by Jack LaVigne; seconded by Sheryl Thomas; and approved by all.

After serving Unit 174 as the Financial Verifier for the past six years, Mike Hofmann has indicated that it is time for him to leave this position. Patrick Tourais, a bridge player, Unit 174 member and treasurer of the Men's Golf League at Kingwood Country Club was suggested for the position.

Action Item: The President, Lauri Laufman, will contact Patrick Tourais to confirm his interest and report back to the Board.

Old Business

LSR 2019 Final Recap

Lauri Laufman

Business for the LSR is concluded.

Election Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Sheryl Thomas

The tournament went smoothly.

44 tables below budget, 54 ½ below 2018 (Rob Burr ridge's students attended).

Suggestions/Comments by attendees:

- 1) Fragrance-Free should be mentioned more.
- 2) Change the location for the speakers so they are out of the way of lunch traffic.
- 3) Why single-session pairs on Sunday?
- 4) Annual Meeting took too long (38 minutes, should be 30 max).
- 5) Make date on flyer more prominent.

Fast Results were late getting out Saturday evening. To ensure this doesn't happen in future, Director In Charge will be reminded to post result to The Common Game within one hour of game close.



ABA/ACBL Championship Game**Sheryl Thomas**

Flyer is distributed; Awards will be \$2 bills. Request Board members to announce the event at local games. 38-40 tables are expected at this 6th Annual event. It will be the first time played at Westside.

Nearly Summer Sectional**Sheryl Thomas**

Flyer is in final edit and will be distributed soon; Kathleen Malcolmson was named Co-Chair with Sheryl Thomas.

August 2019 Sectional**Daniel Jackson**

Daniel Jackson and Clif Rice will be Co-Chairing this event. Sam Khayatt will be Hospitality Chair, Partnership Chair is needed, I/N Chair will be Cindy Cox. All is proceeding on schedule.

Discussion was had regarding games consisting of 24 boards or 26/27. Although 26 boards are played on Sundays, 24 are usually played during the other days. The Board will discuss further whether 24 or 26/27 boards should be played and when at the next BOD meeting.

November 2019 Sectional**Jack LaVigne**

Cindy Cox was named Co-Chair with Jack LaVigne.

New Member Recruitment / Retention**All**

To better promote and encourage participation by youth at our tournaments, it was suggested that the Student/Junior Rate of \$5 be added to flyers.

I/N Coordinator**Lauri Laufman**

I/N Coordinator position passed to Cindy Cox by President.

STaC**Lauri Laufman**

STaC Coordinator position passed to Sheryl Thomas by President.

GNT**Daniel Jackson**

Daniel will work with Cindy Cox so that she can take over as NAP Coordinator by the 2020 Election Sectional.

Motion: 2nd Place team in GNT to be eligible for subsidy of \$250 per person up to \$1000 per team for Unit 174 members.

The motion was made by Daniel Jackson; seconded; and approved by all.



NAP

Daniel Jackson

Daniel will work with Clif Rice so that he can take over as NAP Coordinator by the 2020 Election Sectional.

All Club qualifiers will go directly to District for the next event. There will be no Unit qualifier.

Committee Reports

Club Connection

Nancy Guthrie

Next Club Connection will be at Galveston DBC on May 24th. Galveston will be having a Club Championship game that day in appreciation of the board members' visit.

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

District Charity games that were held on Feb 19 and March 15 benefited our local charity, *Make-a-Wish Foundation*.

The following Clubs participated:

Apple II, Bridge Club of Houston, Clear Lake, Star and Westside Bridge Academy. Apple II (Brigitte Sandifer) doubled their contribution.

The following Charity games have been sanctioned for **2020**:

Thurs, Dec 3 - Unit Grassroots Charity game

Fri, Dec 4 - Unit Charity game for designated local charity

Tues, Dec 8 - Unit Grassroots Charity game

Wed, Dec 9 - Unit Charity game for designated local charity

Bridge in Schools

Kathleen Malcolmson

Nothing new to report.

Bridge as a Sport

Nancy Guthrie

The prepared paper will be presented to UIL (University Interscholastic League) in Round Rock, Texas on June 11th by Nancy Guthrie and Joe Giovannangeli.



Supplies**Jack LaVigne**

This position has been passed to Clif Rice. Jack has done a superb job and was thanked by the board.

Awards**Sheryl Thomas**

Life Master plaques were given to the following people: Jeff Armstrong, Louis Bockman, Harold Cameron, Margot Cater, Keith Dotson, Nancy Guthrie, Carol Jewett, Diane Kaminsky, Christian Liipfert, David Littmann, Edna Earle Mattei, Sued R. Naci, Harry Price, and David B. Richard.

Plaques are ordered for Carol Helms, Jeannie Stone and Michael I. Windham.

New Business**District Report / Scorecard Mailing****Kathleen Malcolmson**

Decision to keep mailed Scorecard (as-is) stands.

By-Law Update**Lauri Laufman**

Passed and will be updated in our By-Laws.

Club Mentor/Mentee**Nancy Guthrie**

Question was raised regarding the subsidy to clubs for the M/M game, at Clear Lake in particular. What is the Life Master/Masterpoint requirement for Mentors?

Motion: Mentor for a Mentor/Mentee game must be a player whom has achieved at least 300 masterpoints.

The motion was made by Sheryl Thomas; seconded by Jack LaVigne; and approved by all.

Contracts**Jack LaVigne**

Position passed to Jack LaVigne by Paul Cuneo.

Marriott is re-doing their parking lot and will begin charging for parking for everyone in July. The cost will be \$10 daily by credit card only. This is a significant development and needs to be addressed.

Action Item: Lauri Laufman and Jack LaVigne - Current contracts will be reviewed to see how the Unit may be affected. Search for other venues is being stepped-up.



Education Foundation

Betty Starzec

Aces and Knives documentary seen in Memphis at the NABC. Betty talked to the director/producer. It will be shown in Las Vegas by the ABTA. Would like to show this documentary as an event at the LSR in 2020.

Executive Session

A motion was made and approved to go into Executive Session.

The Board spent 5 minutes in Executive Session.

A motion to end Executive Session was made and approved by all.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion was approved by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting on May 6th, 9:30 a.m. at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Malcolmson, Unit 174 Secretary

