



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2022
Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to Order

Karen Nussbaum

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. Directors in attendance: Karen Nussbaum, Thomas Rush, Kathy McDougall, Greg May, Clif Rice, Byron Fackenthal, Charles Dalton, John DuBose, and Sarah Springer. Also present as guests were Nancy Strohmer and Betty Starzec.

Karen Nussbaum welcomed newly elected board members Byron Fackenthal, John DuBose, and Sarah Springer and moved directly into election of the new Board Officers.

Clif Rice made a motion that Thomas Rush be elected President, Greg May seconded and all were in favor. Betty Starzac nominated Kathy McDougall as Vice President, Greg May seconded and all were in favor. Byron Fackenthal nominated Sarah Springer as secretary, Nancy Strohmer seconded, and all were in favor. The slate of officers was accepted by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes

Nancy Strohmer moved to approve the December 2021 minutes, Betty Starzec seconded and all were in favor. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Becker

Karen Nussbaum opened the discussion on financials, noting that Treasurer Dave Becker has had to leave the Houston area, and that we are working on finding a new treasurer. In the meantime, Dave is still working on the books.

Karen Nussbaum and Thomas Rush discussed the successful use of the new cash box for purchases of beverages at the recent Sectional tournament.



President Rush praised the contributions made to the Unit by Dave Becker and a discussion of appropriate recognition ensued.

Old Business

Technology

Greg May

Greg May announced that he would be sending emails to the members of the Board for Box login and the executive email.

Procedure Manual

The Procedure/Bylaws manual was distributed by Karen Nussbaum to new Board members. Google Docs was discussed as a platform for incorporating edits; Karen is the only editor and others are users who are allowed to make comments.

District Update

Betty Starzec

Betty announced that the next meeting of the District Board is in the summer and noted that The Scorecard is coming out.

Club Connection

Thomas Rush

It was discussed that members of the Board visit local clubs periodically and Thomas Rush encouraged all Board members to participate. John Dubose was appointed to Chair the Club Connection in place of Thomas Rush.

Club Manager Report

No Report

Greg May

Tournament Contracts/ Future Sites

Thomas Rush

Charley Dalton volunteered to chair the next three tournaments. The new Board members were assigned to co-chair with Charley as follows:

June 3-5 Byron Fackenthal

August 11-14 John DuBose

October 28-30 Sarah Springer

Byron Fackenthal suggested that we seek volunteers other than Board members to work on the tournaments. Nancy Stromer and Betty Starzec pointed out that it is Board Member's responsibility to run the tournaments per the Bylaws.

The sound system used at tournaments was then discussed. Charley Dalton recommended hiring a consultant and opined that speaker training was needed too and that Board members should practice with the existing system. Clif Rice proposed that Charley have \$250 to hire a consultant but after discussion it was realized that such services would probably be more in the neighborhood of \$1000. It was decided to email the membership and use our website to recruit assistance from our members.



The Marriott Westchase is booked through 2025 for Regional tournaments. Shriners has been booked for 2023.

Discussion turned to the Election Sectional and enforcement of the fragrance-free policy. It was noted that some players left the venue because of odors. Clif Rice moved that the Tournament Chair has the right to bar any player who does not meet the fragrance policy by preventing the player from playing or completing a game. Betty Starzec seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn and Clif Rice volunteered to draft language to address needed changes in the policy.

Clif Rice agreed to coordinate Stac games.

Grand National Teams are upcoming; NAP is done.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee	No report	Paul Nimmons
Charity Report	No report	Nancy Strohmer
Traditions Game	No report	Nancy Strohmer

I/N /Future Life Masters

Kathy McDougall/ Greg May

An outreach plan is needed.

Education

Kathy McDougall

Newsletters will go out on the 15th.

New Member Recruitment	No report
Unit Newsletter	No report
Publicity	No report
Supplies	No report
Website & Information	No report

STAC (U174)

Clif Rice

Karen Naussbaum will be the new coordinator replacing Joyce Gore.

GNT

The upcoming Grand National Teams will have 28-30 teams, four flights and will target the C Group.



NAP No report

Awards No report

New Business

New Unit Directory

There will be a new directory for 2023. Bill Riley and Bert Onstatt will be working on putting it together.

New Board Workshop

A workshop for the new Board will be scheduled in May. Jack Levine will be the facilitator.

Next Board Meeting

Thomas Rush

The next Board Meeting will be held on May 16. Secretary Sarah Springer will not be able to attend this meeting and Byron Fackenthall will act as Secretary for that meeting.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Made by Clif Rice - Seconded by Kathy McDougal.

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Springer, Secretary

