



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

April 17, 2023

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to Order

Kathleen McDougall

President Kathleen McDougall brought the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Present at the meeting were Kathleen McDougall, Karen Nussbaum, Clif Rice, Thomas Rush, Charles Dalton, Byron Fackenthall, John DuBose and Sarah Springer. Also present were Siraj Jiwani, Dave Becker, and Paddy Fiorino. Those absent were Greg May, Steve Gordon, Nile Gross, and Antoun Henri.

Election of New President

Kathleen McDougall

Karen Nussbaum was nominated as the new board president by SS, seconded by CR. Motion was approved by all. Board members vocalized appreciation for KM hard work while serving on the board.

Changes in Board of Directors

Karen Nussbaum

KN announced immediate resignation from the board of BF. KM requested appointment of Siraj Jiwani to complete the term. SJ was nominated by CR, JD seconded. Motion passed by the board. Further discussion by CD who requests that board has additional time to consider upcoming additional appointments. It was announced that CR planned to retire by the conclusion of the current meeting. Discussion of his replacement was tabled until later in the meeting. Board members thanked BF for his work for the board.

June Sectional Flyers

Karen Nussbaum

KN noted that the June sectional flyers need to additional work; TR and JD will follow-up. It was noted that single session pairs games were planned for both the June and August sectionals and this needs to be added onto the flyer.



Approval of Minutes

Sarah Springer

SS presented minutes from **April 3, 2023** which had previously been circulated via email to the Board. **CR moved that the minutes be approved**, CD seconded, and all were in favor. **MINUTES for the 4/3/23 meeting were APPROVED.**

Additional Board Changes

Karen Nussbaum

KN suggested the board elect two vice presidents and discussion by the board followed. KN proposed that both vice presidents would assist with the regional, and other duties would then be split. CR nominated SS for vice president, motion seconded by JD. Motion approved. Election of the second vice president was tabled until later in the meeting. DB spoke with the board and stated he has moved back to Houston and would like to resume his work with the board and assist with the regional and contract negotiations. KM reported an anticipated rate increase at the Shriner facility. KN reported one episode of a catalytic convertor stolen during the election sectional. The board discussed security issues including additional cameras as part of the contract negotiation process. KN stated that the possible Oct 2024 sectional at College Station may also need to be addressed with Shriner contract negotiation. Board discussed the appointment of PF as the new unit secretary. TR made the nomination to approve the appointment, seconded by SS; motion was approved by the board. CR announced his intention to retire from the BOD today but had 4 topics to address with the board. He reported that the unit has more supply space than needed and the unit could benefit from a drive-up space. JD will address contract renegotiation. John Herzer is requesting to borrow 48 bidding boxes until his boxes are delivered (anticipated 2 week time frame). CR made the motion to loan the boxes for 30 days, seconded by TR. Motion passed. Cliff stated that inspection and replacement of old cards in the boards needs to be completed prior to the June sectional; JD will address. CR also reported 65 excess sandwiches were prepared for 4/16 at a cost of \$650.00. Bill to be paid is pending. CF will assist CD with food budgeting prior to upcoming sectional. CR announced his retirement from the board at that time. KN proposed that DB be reinstated to the board to complete his previously elected term which CR has assumed. TR made the nomination which was seconded by SS. Board approved the motion. KN cautioned new board members to beware of long history of spam email/texts sent to board members. Members are to advise board if they receive such communication. DB was nominated by SS and seconded by TR to be the second vice president. Motion was approved.

Unit Positions

Karen Nussbaum

Tournament Coordinator--new position was proposed, DB volunteered to assume role.
August Sectional co-chair will be SS and SJ.
Technical Coordinator-- TR
Supply Chair--JD



Publicity Chair-- TR

Update of Procedure Manuals and By-laws to be assumed by SS

Directory chair—directory will no longer published, membership will address- CD.

I/N Coordinator and Future Life Master—SS will contact FLM committee for a liaison to attend BOD meetings.

Club Connection—SS will assume responsibilities. DB will assist.

Education Liaison-- recruitment and retention concerns noted. KM and BS will initiate a task force.

Awards Coordinator-- SJ will assume responsibilities.

Parliamentarian—Paul Nimmons. TR will assume if PN elects not to continue role.

Unit Webmaster—Allison Ochsner

Tournament Chair, Co-chair—JD and TR June, SS and SJ August, Oct SS and SJ

Unit Photographer-- Al Fortier

Regional Board Maker—Rick Kupper

Charity Coordination-- Nancy Strohmer

NAP/STAC/GNTCoordinator—SJ

Membership, New players, Communication—CD

Unit Newsletter—Evvie Gilbert

Events and Classes Newsletter- Jeanne Phelps

Scorecard Reporter-- Jack Lavigne

Attorney—Chuck Gillis

Goodwill—Linda Drake

Covid Restrictions

Karen Nussbaum

Individual ACBL units are to decide local Covid policies after 05/15/23. Discussion by the board for June and August sectionals ensued. Discontinuation of covid restrictions was motioned by TR and seconded by DB. Motion was passed. KN stated this needs to be detailed on upcoming tournament flyers. TR will also address this on unit website. Covid restrictions on daily games will continue to be set by the local clubs.

Publicity

Karen Nussbaum

SS and TR will coordinate press releases of recent tournament.

Next Meeting

Karen Nussbaum

Scheduled for 5/8/23. A special meeting of either 5/5 or 5/6 to be decided.



Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by DB. KN seconded. All were in favor.

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Paddy Fiorino, Unit 174 Board Secretary

