



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

August 4, 2014

### Houston Bridge Studio

#### Call to order

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley Cheatham, President of Unit 174, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Directors present were: Bob Armstrong, Rhonda Bryant, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Kathy Hughes, Daniel Jackson, Tom Martinsen, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer. Gary Hercules, Treasurer for Unit 174, and Paul Cuneo, Vice President of District 16 and tournament site coordinator for Unit 174, were present.

#### Approval of minutes

Bob Armstrong

Bob distributed copies of the August minutes to the Board members for review and approval. Various changes were either emailed to Bob or discussed during the meeting.

**Motion: That the August Minutes as amended be approved.**

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

#### Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

Gary Hercules presented the July Treasurers Report.

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

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

#### District Report

Paul Cuneo

There was no report this month.

#### Old Business

##### LSR 2015

Beverley Cheatham / Nancy Strohmer

Nancy presented several drink cups for gifts at the tournament. After some discussion, one was selected. She then said that she was working on a new tournament logo and would have it ready



for approval at the next meeting. Gift cards for give away during the tournament have been promised by Rudi Lechner's Restaurant. Planning has started for the LSR "Event Naming" and she suggested publishing a notice in a Constant Contact. Nancy then requested assistance in obtaining advertising.

### **August 4-day Sectional**

**Beverley Cheatham / Daniel Jackson**

Setup starting time was agreed to be 12:00. Beverley said that she had found that "Tourney Tracks", system on which tournament chairs can enter the keep names of the tournament team (i.e. chair, co-chair, hospitality, partnerships, etc.) is available from ACBL. In addition, she said that "Fast Results" must be requested by the tournament chair, not the DIC. She asked that the procedures for both of these systems be entered in Google Drive. Beverley reminded that we had agreed that clubs that choose to not have a game on the first day of the tournament would be compensated \$200 for closing that day. Beverley then listed a number of issues she would like to have posted in a Constant Contact:

- Fast Results
- Lecturers and topics
- Free plays for 0 – 5 on Friday and Saturday morning
- Fragrance Free
- Menu for Friday and Saturday
- Vegetarian lunch tickets for Sunday available at Hospitality Desk

Beverley reminded that we had agreed that clubs that choose to not have a game on the first day of the tournament would be compensated \$200 for closing that day. Nancy Strohmer then said that she had updated the Restaurant List for use at the Tournament.

### **November Sectional**

**Chuck Ensor/Rhonda Bryant**

Chuck restated that the room rate for those wishing to stay at the hotel was \$105 without breakfast and \$115 with breakfast for two and the closing date for reservations was October 24. Everything is ready for the tournament.

### **November, 2015**

**Beverley Cheatham**

Paul Cuneo is working of the final contract with the race course. Beverley suggested that we involve the membership in the selection of a name of the Sectional. After some discussion about the merits and timing of a contest, Beverley asked Daniel Jackson and Bill Riley to take the lead in managing such a contest.

**Motion: That the conduct a contest to name the event be held.**

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

### **GNT / NAP**

**Tom Martinsen / Bill Riley**

Nothing to report

### **Unit Storage**

**Tom Martinsen**

Nothing to report



## **2015 I/N Sanctions / UNIT Championships**

**Chuck Ensor**

I/N Sanctions are all set. Chuck to check the remaining 2014 Unit Championship dates. He has not started the scheduling for the 2015 Unit Championships. There are 4 remaining charity games scheduled to be held in either November or December of this year.

## **UNIT supported Lessons**

**Chuck Ensor**

Shawn Quinn as requested that the lessons be held in January but the dates requested are not available at the Marriott so the search is on for either new dates or new location.

## **District Charities**

**Nancy Strohmer**

Five of the seven recipients have received their checks while the other two will be awarded in the next two weeks. The recipients were pleasantly surprised and grateful. Once all awards have been made, the list of winners will be posted on Constant Contact. Thank you notes will be sent to all 31 participants.

## **Whirlwind Bridge**

**Beverley Cheatham**

Rhonda reported her efforts to deliver fliers to numerous clubs. The early indications are very positive with interest expressed about who will teach and volunteers offering to assist. We still need a projector for the PowerPoint presentation. Discussion about further distribution of fliers ensued. Rhonda agreed to prepare name tags for the attendees.

## **UNIT supported Lessons**

**Chuck Ensor**

Nothing to report.

## **Selected Areas of Interest for 2014**

**Beverley Cheatham**

Bob Armstrong distributed a draft of a revised Preamble for discussion. Multiple suggestions were made and discussed. After that, Bob agreed to prepare another draft for discussion at the September meeting.

Bill Riley brought up visitation to various clubs. Various members of the Board expressed support of the idea. Bill agreed to prepare a schedule for the visits.

## **Inviting other Units to STAC**

**Chuck Ensor**

Chuck asked for discussion about whether or not we should ask another unit to join in a STAC fur by us. After some discussion, it was decided that we would not do it.

## **Unit 174/ABA Joint Game 2015**

**Nancy Strohmer**

Nancy suggested that we hold the game at Tracy Gee Community Center because of size of the facility. The need for a consensus at this time was to allow Nancy to book the facility.

## **New Business**

### **April Sectional Chair**

**Beverley Cheatham**

Beverly asked Nancy Strohmer to serve as Chair and Chuck Ensor as Co-chair. Both agreed to do so.

### **Nominating Committee**

**Beverley Cheatham**

The members of the Board agreed to ask Betty Starzec to serve again this year. Bob Armstrong agreed to approach Betty.



**Motion: That the Board meeting be closed and move to executive session be approved.**

The above motion was made by Bob Armstrong and seconded by Daniel Jackson. The motion was approved by all present.

### **Executive Session**

The board was in executive session for 10 minutes.

### **Future Meeting dates**

The next Unit Board meeting will be held on Monday September 8, 2014, at 9:30 PM at Tracy Gee Community Center.

### **Adjourn**

**Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.**

The motion was made by Bill Riley seconded by Nancy Strohmer and approved at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Armstrong, Secretary

