



**Memorandum of Discussion**  
**ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 8, 2018**  
**Houston Marriott Westchase**

**Call to order**

**Ken Hudson**

Ken Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Directors in attendance: Ken Hudson, Lauri Laufman, Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Daniel Jackson, Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, Betty Starzec, and Sheryl Thomas. Guest: Steve Reichel.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Ken Hudson**

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

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

The motion was made by Sheryl Thomas; seconded by Betty Starzec; and approved by all.

**Guest Member**

**Steve Reichel**

Steve was introduced and welcomed by President, Ken Hudson.

Steve requested that the Board consider presenting a by-law change for the membership to determine what comprises a valid ballot.

He asked: "Why can't a person vote for 1 candidate on the election ballot rather than having to complete the ballot with 3 names?" His presentation follows:

Under Article VI, Unit Board of Directors, Section 4 it states that every qualified member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Director to be elected. All ballots shall be secret. Each vacancy must be voted for on each ballot or said ballot will not be counted.



Article XII, Rules of Order: Roberts RULES OF ORDER, Revised shall be accepted as the governing authority for procedure of this organization in all matters not specifically covered by these Bylaws.

I believe it is unfair to all members of Unit 174 to require them to vote for all vacancies on each ballot or their ballot will not be counted. In Roberts RULES OF ORDER under Voting By Ballot it says, “If a member leaves one or more of the choices blank on a ballot containing several questions or more than one office to be filled, the blank spaces in no way affects the validity of the spaces he has filled, and for each of these votes he should be given credit for one legal vote.

Discussion followed as to whether to pass this forward to our membership for a vote.

**Motion: That our legal counsel will review and prepare a by-law change to allow for a minimum of 1 and maximum of 3 votes on the election ballot to validate the ballot for our membership. Voting will occur during our next annual membership meeting.**

The motion was made by Daniel Jackson; seconded by Betty Starzec; and approved by all. The above was made with the understanding that if passed at the 2019 Electional Sectional, the by-law change will affect the 2020 Election.

**Action Item: Ken will work with our attorney to move this forward.**

#### **Treasurer’s Report:**

**Lauri Laufman**

The July financial statements were prepared and emailed to the Board. They were verified by Mike Hofmann.

**Motion: That the July Financial Statements be approved.**

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman; seconded by Sheryl Thomas; and approved by all.

#### **Old Business**

##### **June “Big Switcheroo” Sectional**

**Daniel Jackson**

Financial results were announced that the tournament was \$3,700 in the black even though attendance was under budget.

##### **August Sectional**

**David Henke/Betty Starzec**

“All is ready to go!”



**November Fall Sectional****Nancy Guthrie/Jack LaVigne**

The flyer was presented to the Board.

**Motion: That the “wonderful” flyer be approved.**

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

The flyer once approved by ACBL will move forward to publication.

**LSR 2019 Schedule****Ken Hudson/Lauri Laufman**

Discussion was conducted on the give-away. Several options were presented; and the choices were voted upon by the Board.

Betty Starzec said that she had had positive comments on the Mini-Soloway while at the Atlanta National. She is working diligently on finalizing the speaker listing.

Lauri thanked Jack LaVigne for his research and presentation illustrating average masterpoint holdings for teams that played in the LSR 2018 which will be helpful as we start determining the Mini-Soloway KO conditions of event at the LSR 2019.

**New Member Recruitment / Retention****Ken Hudson**

Nothing to review at this meeting.

**STaC****Lauri Laufman**

The October STaC electronic schedule has now been completed and posted by ACBL.

**GNT****Daniel Jackson**

District GNT will be conducted at the April 2019 Election Sectional.

**Committee Reports****Club Connection****Nancy Guthrie**

Next Club Connection will be held at the Melfish Youth Center on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am.

**Charity Report****Ken Hudson**

As provided previously by Nancy Strohmer, the Unit 174 charity games are scheduled for Dec 10 (ACBL Charity Game), Dec 12 (Unit Charity Game for SEARCH), Dec 13 (ACBL Charity Game), and Dec 14 (Unit Charity Game for SEARCH). The dates are listed on the calendar on the Unit 174 website.



ACBL has agreed to send an eblast (on our behalf) to all Unit 174 Club Managers two months prior to the games in order to encourage participation. The eblast will include a blurb on the homepage to encourage players' participation. One month prior to the event, an eblast will be sent to all Unit 174 members reminding them of the charity games which raise funds for the ACBL Grass Roots Fund and the Unit 174's charity, SEARCH.

**Bridge in Schools**

**Nancy Guthrie**

Dianna Gittelman is to prepare a wordsmith document in August (delayed because of her travel schedule).

**Storage Bins / Timers / Stanchions**

**Jack LaVigne**

Vendors are in place for the stanchion purchase. Vendor will be contacted after August 11<sup>th</sup> for the timer purchase. New guidecards will be in place for the August Sectional. Older guidecards will be donated to local Clubs.

**Open / Invitational Games**

**David Henke**

River Oaks has been officially declared an invitational club by ACBL. No further update on the other two.

**Approved Speaker List**

**Betty Starzec**

No further update.

**Awards**

**Sheryl Thomas**

Life Master Awards and congratulatory notes were sent to Julia O'Shea, Suzanne Noerager, and Barbara Glass.

**Caddy Program**

**Sheryl Thomas**

Sheryl reported that Carolyn Clemons has been hired as the new Head Caddy. She will work with Randy and Sue during the August Sectional for training. In addition, other new caddies will train during the August Sectional.

**New Business**

**Marriott Contracts**

**Ken Hudson**

Paul Cuneo is exploring options for future tournament locations.

**Survey**

**Jack LaVigne**

Decision was made to wait on August Sectional attendance results before pursuing a survey.

**District Update**

**Kathleen Malcolmson**



Kathleen requested that we give her input on District issues so that she can appropriately represent Unit 174.

## **Adjournment**

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

Motion was approved by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Next Board Meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at Tracy Gee Community Center**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Guthrie, Unit 174 Secretary

