



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

December 6, 2010

### Houston Bridge Studio

#### Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Present were Paul Cuneo, President, Bob Dowlen, Vice-President, Karen Nimmons, Joyce Ryan, Kathy Hughes, Jolie Hess, Robert Reichek, Chuck Ensor. Guests: Bert Onstott - District 16 Representative.

#### Minutes of Month board meeting

Secretary

The minutes of the November 2010 meeting were approved by an online vote.

#### Treasurer's Report

Jim

Unit Treasurer Jim Woodward presented his monthly financial report to the Unit Board Members.

**A motion was made and approved to accept his report.**

In November 2010, the Board authorized the Treasurer to cash a Certificate of Deposit if operating funds were needed. It has not been necessary yet to cash a Certificate of Deposit.

The Humble October Sectional broke about even financially.

#### District Report

Bert

A District lunch will be scheduled for Saturday during the Regional. Bert discussed membership and other topics, which are included below in the Committee Reports and/or New Business.

#### Committee Reports

##### Awards/Flyers

Karen

Flyers for the Lone Star Regional and upcoming Sectional have been printed and distributed.

Awards: Nothing to report.

##### Bridge in Schools

Errol LeCesne

Nothing to report.



**Communications Committee****Sandra Clark**

Nothing to report.

**Membership****Bert/Paul**

Unit Membership has averaged 2,550 for the past 6 months. Teachers play an important role in recruitment of new members.

**Fund Raising****Bob**

Nothing to report.

**I/N, Education & Book Sales****Joyce***Book Sales:*

Unit Teachers purchased 5 Books during November.

*Education:*

Joyce has sent out an email to Unit Teachers informing them of the availability of the Adventures in Duplicate Book which focuses on 0-20 Players. We are hopeful for a good turnout of Intermediate/Novice Players at the Lone Star Regional. Joyce plans to have a display of books from the Better Bridge Series available for Teachers to review during the Teacher Appreciation Reception.

*Teacher Appreciation Day*

The Unit Board plans to honor Unit Teachers for their outstanding work on Thursday during the Regional. A reception in their honor is planned. Joyce will distribute a newly published Teacher's Handbook to Unit Teachers at the Regional.

**NAP****Robert/Beverley**

North American Pairs (NAP) – District Finals are scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> in Austin.

**GNT****Paul**

Unit qualifications for the Grand National Team (GNT) are scheduled for 11:00am, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Houston Bridge Studio. The total cost is \$80 per team, which includes two sessions.

GNT Stratification: A = 2,000+, B = 500-2,000, C = 0-500 (C Includes Non-Life Master before the GNT Cutoff Date)

The Board approved providing a total of \$1,000 in expense money to GNT winning teams in B & C. The \$1,000 will be prorated based on a 4 member team with a maximum of \$250 per team member. No expense money will be paid to Non-Unit team members.

Board Members are encouraged to get more teams to participate in the 2011 GNT.

**STAC****Chuck/Bob**

The next Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) will be held the week of January 10-16. The ACBL has selected Tournament Director Peter Marcus as the Director in Charge of this STaC.

**Supplies****Chuck/Robert**

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the annual inventory of the Unit supplies will be conducted.



**Motion made and approved to spend an estimated \$800 to replace 20 or more card tables.**

**Tournament Coordination**

**Jolie**

Everything is in good shape.

**April Sectional**

**Paul**

Budget was presented and approved. The Unit Board voted to approve a \$5 entry fee for the Saturday afternoon session. The budget projects an estimated loss of \$4,950.

**Clear Lake Sectional**

**Chuck/Paul**

For the time being the prospects for having a Clear Lake Sectional have been placed on hold.

**Regional**

**Paul/Bob**

Speakers for the Lone Star Regional have been arranged.

An advertisement was placed in the November Bridge Bulletin. Arrangements have been made to advertise the Regional on the website Bridge Base Online.

A meeting with the Marriott Catering Staff has been arranged for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Karen has collected \$950 for Event Naming.

Sound System: The Board discussed improving the sound system for Guest Speakers at the Regional. Joyce plans to loan the Unit her Chattervox sound system during the Regional.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

**2011 Candidates**

The Unit Board voted to approve the Nominating Committee's list of Board Candidates:

Linda (Lynn) Adamchik  
Paul Cuneo  
Richard Duble  
Errol LeCesne  
Joyce Gore  
Bob Ziegler

**Unit Directory**

The Unit Directory will go to the printers in January and distributed to members during the Lone Star Regional. Plans are being made to publish all advertisement sold for the Directory in both the printed and online Directory. Jolie has sold several advertisements for the Unit Directory.

**Motion was made and passed to purchase 500 binders that will be distributed with the Unit Directory at the Regional.**

**Executive Session**



The Board was in Executive Session for 10 minutes.

### **Future Meeting dates**

The next Board Meeting will be January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Dowlen, Acting Secretary

