

♠ ♥ Unit 174 - HOUSTON ♦ ♣
Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 2011
Houston Bridge Studio

Call to Order

Bob

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by president, Bob Dowlen. Directors present were: Beverley Cheatham, Paul Cuneo, Chuck Ensor, Joyce Gore, Jolie Hess, Kathy Hughes, Errol LeCesne, and Robert Reichek. Also present were Bert Onstott, Jim Woodward and Steven Reichek.

Approval of Minutes

Errol

The online November minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Woodward presented the Unit 174 Balance Sheet, as of December 4, 2011 showing Total Assets of \$103,325.97.

Motion to accept the report was seconded and approved.

District Report

Bert

Bert Onstott reported that we had 16 new members which brings our total to 2,542. District membership is up to 9,030, thus the District will keep the extra regional. He noted that the Unit Forum is not getting much use even with the five forums; namely, Tournament Travel & Lodging, Member & Family News, Bidding & Play Discussions, Club News, and Director Rulings. A sixth forum "Unit Discussions" will be added with an announcement to stimulate more use.

Pro/am Charity Game at 2013 Regional

Steven Reichek

Steven Reichek, Unit member opened his remarks to the Board with a commendation for the hard work we do and a Thank You! He proposed that we consider holding an afternoon game on the first day of the 2013 regional where players would buy professional's partnerships as a fund raising event for a local charity. The idea could bring more Pro's to our regional and give our members the opportunity to play with a Pro. The board was receptive to the idea and Steven and his brother Robert (Unit Director) agreed to coordinate the effort.

Old Business

Bob

Mike Lawrence Seminar

Mike Lawrence Seminars set for February 24 - 25, 2012 and the professional teachers complaint was discussed by the board. The Board unanimously agreed to invite clubs, teachers, and the general membership to bring forward any ideas that promote bridge and deliver services to the membership.

Long Star Regional (LSR)

Paul/Bob

Chuck shared samples of card holders with brass corners available from Barron-Barclay and the improved design available directly from China.

The Board approved an \$800 over-budget purchase of 1500 convention card holders-with brass corners and improved design and 1500 embroidered emblems to stick on the holder as gifts at the tournament. Also approved was the purchase of 500 Boxed Pen & Pencil Sets (Red) for \$1,525, as winner awards.

Paul presented details of the Teacher/Student Play Free Program modeled after the Naples, Florida Regional. The program offers first-time Regional players a "Buy One; Get One Free" voucher and compensation to the nominating club manager and /or teacher. Complete details of the program will be presented in a letter directly to teachers and club managers.

It was moved, seconded, and approved.

New Business

Replacing Cards and Cleaning Boards

Bob

The Board discussed the need to replace cards and clean the boards for LSR. Jolie agreed to coordinate the effort during the setup for the LSR.

Adjournment: 8:37 PM

Errol LeCesne, Secretary