



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

December 4, 2017

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Ken

Nancy Strohmer called the meeting to order at 9:33 am. Directors present: Nancy Strohmer, Ken Hudson, Lauri Laufman, Dianna Gittelman, John Caudill, Nancy Guthrie and David Henke. Absent: Daniel Jackson and Bill Riley. Also present, Treasurer Gary Hercules, Kathleen Malcolmson and Ronnie Martin.

Approval of minutes

Lauri

The November meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board

Motion – That the November Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by Nancy G, seconded by Dianna and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary

The October report was presented. Gary is still missing a few bills as well as the verifier's approval in order to complete the November financials.

Motion – That the November Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by Dianna, seconded by Nancy G. and approved by all.

Old Business

2017 October Sectional

Dianna/David

Dianna reported she is awaiting a response from the Hilton with regard to final charges or a credit due related to delivery and pick up from the venue.

With regard to charges presented for delivery and final storage services by Diligent

Motion – To Approve and Pay the Diligent invoices presented



The motion was made by John, seconded by Lauri and approved by all.

2018 LSR

Nancy S/Ken

Nancy provided an update regarding use of a voucher for players to use instead of serving lunch on Sunday, special events during the event, speakers and more about the Bill Lease - Larry Laird Big Texan Championship Pairs.

Dianna, our restaurant coordinator, updated us as to some of the special discounts she has already secured for players during the Regional.

Thanks to the efforts of I/N Coordinator Nancy Guthrie, Joyce Ryan has graciously offered to host these two special 0-5 games to be held in the Rosegarden Room on Wednesday, January 31. A flyer promoting this has been created.

LSR Event Naming

Nancy

Event naming has thus far been secured in many events with \$4000 collected. An updated list of events still available for naming will be sent out after the board meeting.

2018 Election Sectional

Lauri/Nancy G

An initial proposed budget was presented.

Motion – To Approve Proposed Budget as Presented

The motion was made by John, seconded by Dianna and approved by all.

After some discussion surrounding when we would have our Unit 174 Annual Meeting, it was decided that a final decision would be made at the next board meeting based on when we might have best attendance and to poll some of our members in the interim.

The board thanks Bill Riley for his efforts in redesigning the budget worksheet for our 3 and 4 day sectionals.

Nearly Summer Sectional ("The Big Switcheroo")

Daniel

No report. Discussion held until next meeting.

Fall Sectional 2018

Nancy S

Dates and location are still to be determined.

New Member Recruitment / Retention

All

No report



Committee Reports

Marketing Committee Report

No report to review at this meeting.

Website and Information Committee Report

No report to review at this meeting.

Club Connection

Last CC planned for the year is Friday, December 8th, Bryan/College Station, 9:30am

NAP Unit Qualifiers

John/David

John is working to secure October 27-28, 2018 at BCOH for this event.

GNT Qualification 2017/2018

John/David

GNT qualifiers for B and C are progressing forward. District qualifiers will be held at our Election Sectional in May 2018.

STaC Week

John/David

STaC week starts today and ends December 10. Alex Bealles is the Director in Charge.

2018-2019 Directory

David

Additional ads are due within the next month.

Unit Charity /Championship Games

Daniel/Nancy S

First half of 2018 has been sanctioned and posted. Expect to have July- December secured soon.

Procedures Manual

Lauri

Lauri presented both a marked up version and a clean copy all in same font and format to illustrate the situation. Due to the previous version having a variety of fonts, style and formatting changes preventing ease of editing, Lauri requested we approve creating a clean copy of the procedure manual as presented and then provide a clean copy to each board member so we can start anew in 2018.

Motion – To Approve the Procedures Manual as Presented

The motion was made by Dianna, seconded by David and approved by all.

New Marriott Set-Up

Daniel

No update to report at this meeting



New Business

Board of Directors Tournament Responsibility

John

John asked that the board be held responsible for assisting with set-up and tear down at tournaments and to add it to the procedure manual. Discussion followed. It was determined that while it would be preferable that we all try to help out, it is the tournament chairs to confirm and secure enough volunteers to help including those board members who are in attendance.

Grand Life Master Awards

Nancy S

As the ACBL does not currently provide nor offer any special recognition for achieving one's Grand Life Master, the board discussed creating and presenting such recognition to our unit members upon reaching this milestone.

Motion – To Approve Presenting Grand Life Master Awards to Unit Members Both Current and to Achieving this Designation Moving Forward

The motion was made by Lauri, seconded by Nancy G and approved by all.

Action Items: Lauri is to secure the list of current GLM's from ACBL and Dianna will look into award options and pricing.

Country Clubs

David

David suggested that the board recommend club managers with sanctioned games at country clubs consider reclassifying their games as "invitational" versus "open" after they review how ACBL categorizes such games.

As we were short on time, this topic will be further discussed at a future board meeting.

Election Officials

Nancy S

Brigitte and Danny Sandifer have agreed to act as the election officials during our Election Sectional being held in May 2018.

Executive Session

A motion was made and approved to go into Executive Session.

The Board spent 6 minutes in Executive Session.

A motion to end Executive Session was made and approved by all.

Future Meeting Dates



The first Board Meeting of 2018 will be held at Tracy Gee Community Center on Monday January 8, 2018 (at 9:30 am).

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 11:34 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Laufman, Unit Secretary

