



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

December 3, 2018

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Ken Hudson

Ken Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Directors in attendance: Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Ken Hudson, Daniel Jackson, Lauri Laufman, Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, and Betty Starzec. Also present: Nancy Strohmer and Treasurer, Gary Hercules.

Approval of Minutes

Ken Hudson

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the November Minutes be approved with the proposed revisions.

The motion was made by Betty Starzec; seconded by Daniel Jackson; and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

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

Motion: That the November Financial Statements be approved.

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman; seconded by Nancy Guthrie; and approved by all.

Old Business

Fall Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Jack LaVigne

Table count was up from 430.5 last fall to a total of 655.5 tables for this Fall Sectional.



Invoice from the Marriott has been received, reviewed, and paid.

Jack also discussed the proposed change in table placement for all upcoming Sectionals.

LSR 2019 Schedule

Ken Hudson/Lauri Laufman

All planning is “on track” and progressing on schedule.

Betty Starzec reported that she has a full slate of speakers. Daily speaker series will include: Gary King, Bob Morris, Shawn Quinn, Eddie Wold and Mike Passell, Robert Todd, Sylvia Shi and Daniel Korbel. Eric Rodwell will be added on Saturday at 9:00 am for question and answer. Ken thanked and commended Betty on the excellent line-up.

The Best Practices Teacher Workshop has 12 people (pending passing of the test). The Workshop will begin on Sunday at 1:00 pm. The Richmond Room will be needed that entire day along with Monday and Tuesday morning for assessments.

Russ Jones, ACBL President for 2019, has expressed an interest in coming to the Tournament.

Ken and Lauri have a meeting with the Marriott December 3rd PM. Tournament Set-up and February Board Meeting schedule: TBD dependent on Ken and Lauri’s meeting and coordination with Marriott.

Election Sectional

Nancy Guthrie

Motion: That the April 2019 Sectional Flyer/Schedule be approved with proposed changes.

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman; seconded by Kathleen Malcolmson; and approved by all.

Discussion was conducted about the use of the envelopes for the \$2 prize money. Decision was made to do away with the envelopes for the Regional.

November 2019 Sectional

Jack LaVigne

Decision was made to discard the Save the Date flyers until the schedule being approved by the Unit Board/ACBL

New Member Recruitment / Retention

Ken Hudson

No report.

STaC

Lauri Laufman

No report.



GNT**Daniel Jackson**

No report.

NAP**Daniel Jackson**

NAP occurred at BCoH November 10-11 with 12 “A” pairs; 22 “B” pairs; and 8 “C” pairs. The District finals will be January 5-6 in Austin. The final list of qualifiers from our Unit will be sent to the District NAP coordinator shortly before then.

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

Next Club Connection will be held at BCoH on Wed, December 5th at the 10:30 am game.

Nominating Committee**Ken Hudson**

Motion: That Ariel Leibovitz be added as the 5th Member of the Nominating Committee.

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman; seconded by Jack LaVigne; and approved by all.

Charity Report**Nancy Strohmer**

Nancy will work with Gary Hercules, Treasurer, to gather the money from the clubs that participated in the October Unit Charity games. This money along with the money collected from the District local charity games in December will be presented in check form to SEARCH at the Lone Star Regional.

Bridge in Schools**Kathleen Malcolmson**

On January 18, 2019, Kathleen and Lauri Laufman will begin teaching an after-school bridge class once a week from 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm at the River Oaks Baptist School (4th – 8th graders) charging \$100/student for the session.

On June 10, 2019, teaching will begin for 5th – 8th graders at The Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart School. There will be six sessions, each with a one-week duration (ending July 26th) Monday – Friday for 1 hour/day.

Bridge as a Sport**Nancy Guthrie**

Presentation was sent to Marketing/ACBL to inquire of their history and experience with this project.



Supplies

Jack LaVigne

Motion: That a sound system be purchased within a budget of \$2,000 for the Unit.

The motion was made by Kathleen Malcolmson; seconded by Nancy Guthrie; and approved by all.

Jack thanked Kathleen Malcolmson and Lauri Laufman for their assistance with the new stanchions.

Motion: That 30 sets of duplicate boards be purchased with cases (if needed) within a budget of \$4,500.

The motion was made by Jack LaVigne, seconded by Lauri Laufman; and approved by all.

Awards

Ken Hudson

No report.

Caddy Program

Ken Hudson

No report.

New Business

District Report

Kathleen Malcolmson

No updates.

By-Law Update

Ken Hudson

By-law update will in published in the January Scorecard and on the Unit website.

ABA/ACBL Joint Game

Lauri Laufman

No report.

Kiwanis Tournament

Ken Hudson

Bert Onstott will be asked to make a presentation at the January Board Meeting. Board is very supportive of the concept but wants to hear more information.

Betty Starzec brought up some ideas on guest speakers in 2019. Details to follow.

Executive Session



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

The Board spent 5 minutes in Executive Session.

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

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion was approved by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Next Board Meeting on January 7, 2019 at 9:30 am at Tracy Gee.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Guthrie, Unit 174 Secretary

