



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
December 8th, 2020
Zoom

Call to Order

Jack LaVigne

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Directors Present: Joyce Gore, Lauri Laufman, Jack LaVigne, Greg May, Kathleen McDougall, Karen Nussbaum, Clif Rice, and Sheryl Thomas.

Others Present: Nancy Guthrie, Nancy Strohmer and Joe Quinn.

Board Vacancy

Jack LaVigne

Jack made a Motion that Nancy Guthrie fill the missing Director's position. Seconded by Lauri Laufman.

Motion carried

Nominating Committee

Joe Quinn

Joe presented the six candidates that have accepted to run for the Board for the coming year. They are:

Dave Becker- Bill Kiehnhoff- Carol Lombardino- Syed Raza Naqvi- Thomas Rush- Eric Watson.

It was agreed Joe would get photos and bios from each of the candidates then send them to Jack.

It was also agreed that due to the Covid lockdown, emails of acceptance would suffice in lieu of signed acceptances.

Karen suggested for campaigning, each candidate could record their bio and have it placed on the website.

Voting could start 2-3 weeks after the poster has been created.

Jack thanked Joe and his committee for their endurance and hard work in getting six candidates to accept running for the 2021 Board of Directors.

ACBL Up-Date

Paul Cuneo



Approval of Minutes

Joyce Gore

The November Minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion that the November Minutes be approved was made by Karen Nussbaum – Seconded -Lauri Laufman **Motion Carried**

Treasurer’s Report

Gary Hercules

In the absence of Gary, Jack said the November Financial Report had been emailed and verified.

Motion to accept the November Financial Report was made by Kathy McDougall. - Seconded-Nancy Guthrie **Motion Carried**

Old Business

Publicity Chair

Dave Becker

Committee Reports

Club Connection

Kathleen McDougall

Charity

Nancy Strohmer

Education/I/N/New Member-Recruitment/Retention **Kathy McDougall/Clif Rice/Greg May**

Kathy said recruiting teachers for teaching online was not so easy. Many teachers who took the class found Sharkbridge too complicated and were just not ready to start yet. Of all the people that took the course only one person is ready to start teaching in January.

Kathy said she would like to get an okay to collaborate with the District to find out what they are doing that is working, who their teachers are, and do they have existing teachers available for online classes until we get ours going within the unit.

Nancy said Buck Buchanan is giving a free online presentation, teaching teachers the basics of getting online as a teacher. It would be a much simpler approach than Sharkbridge. It will be January 19th at 7:00pm. District 16 will be sending an invitation for this class.

Nancy said once you offer Bridge-In-a Day (BIAD), you need teachers. She said 1 teacher is not enough and thought at least 1 or 2 more teachers would be needed.

Greg reviewed the 3 things they really wanted to get going

Formation of playing groups (subset of Future Life Masters of Houston); Preparing a postcard to advertise clubs to 0-20;21-50;51-99 as three separate subgroups: and a **Training Plan**, which Greg said he thought was the weakest area.

Greg said the post card approach to Future Life Masters of Houston is to bring people into the new clubs.



It would only be sent to our people from 0-99. He thought the target date would be January 2nd.

Greg said he thought a smorgasbord approach needed to be taken and thought we might need to work with the entire District to embrace all training avenues then direct students to existing online classes.

Karen asked if everyone was aware that Bert Onstott had an online beginner class every Tuesday morning. She then asked that when we go back to face to face bridge, were these online classes going to continue. It was thought they would, for at least awhile.

Communication	Jeanne Phelps
STaC	Karen Nussbaum
GNT	Kathleen McDougall
NAP	Greg May
Intermediate/Newcomer	Nancy Guthrie
Supplies	Clif Rice
Technology	Greg May
Awards	Sheryl Thomas

Sheryl reported 1 new Life Master this month, Ede Weiner, and said the plaque has been mailed.

April Sectional **Lauri Laufman/Greg May**

Lauri presented the April Sectional Flyer for approval.

There were two (2) modifications. One was to add “Brackets and Strats may vary at Directors discretion”. The other was to add Mike Cowan as chairperson for Partnerships.

A **Motion** to accept the Flyer, with these two (2) modifications was made by Karen Nussbaum –
Seconded by Sheryl Thomas. **Motion carried.**

Procedure Manual **Lauri Laufman**

Lauri said the Procedure Manual had been sent out with all the corrections She said she needed to update Section 29 to include everything in it.

A **Motion** to accept the Procedure Manual with the modification was made By Kathy McDougall –
Seconded by Nancy Guthrie **Motion carried**

Clif suggested Section 7.5 be changed to show that Robly eblast was now being used by tournament-chairpersons rather than ACBL services.



New Business

Club Manager Report

Bill Riley

Jack announced that Bill Riley had resigned as Club Manager. Lauri Laufman has taken over this position.

District Update

Lauri Laufman

Adjournment

The January Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 5th, 2021

Motion to adjourn was made by Jack LaVigne - Seconded by Sheryl Thomas

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Gore

Unit 174 Secretary

