



**Memorandum of Discussion**  
**ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 10, 2021**  
**Tracy Gee and Zoom Video Conference**

**Call to Order**

**Karen Nussbaum**

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 am. Directors in attendance: Karen Nussbaum, Thomas Rush, Joyce Gore, Lauri Laufman, Clif Rice, Dave Becker, Greg May (via zoom), and Kathy McDougall.  
Others present: Nancy Strohmer, Jack Lavigne.

**Motion: That the District Rep votes to support our Unit going digital with the Scorecard Distribution.**

The motion made by Dave Becker- Seconded by Greg May.

**Motion carried**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Clif Rice**

The November minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board by Lauri Laufman.

**Motion: That the August 2021 Minutes be approved.**

The motion made by Dave Becker - Seconded by Greg May.

**Motion carried**

**New Unit Club**

**Jack Lavigne**

The West Houston Bridge Academy will open a limited point game on Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> with games at the Arabia Shriners on Wednesdays. The club would like to borrow 24 Unit tables or a cart of tables for use at the Shriners.

**Motion: To allow the West Houston Bridge Academy may borrow one cart of Tables for use at the Shriners and provide a letter statement of financial responsibility for the tables.**



The motion made by Dave Becker - Seconded by Greg May.

**Motion carried**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

**Dave Becker**

Financial Statements are posted and October and November 2021 were emailed yesterday and re-sent this morning.

**Motion: To delay approval of the financial report until tomorrow and vote by email to allow additional time for review.**

The motion made by Lauri Laufman - Seconded by Clif Rice

**Motion carried**

Expenses need to be submitted with approvals for invoices over \$100 and turned in timely, using the correct authorization form.

The New Bookkeeper and Verifier are successfully working the current statements are Verified. Bank statements access is now online. Amegy will no longer print and mail statements which will reduce the monthly service charge.

#### **I/N-Future Life Master**

**Greg May**

Greg advised that the FLM day is Tuesday at the LSR with the Apollo (0-20) and Mixer Madness (0-99) and a party that night. He would like to reduce the entry fees for those games on Tuesday to \$5, with a goal to increase attendance for 0 to 99 players.

**Motion: To reduce the entry fees for the Apollo and Mixer Madness games on Tuesday at the Lone Star Regional to \$5**

The motion made by Greg May - Seconded by Dave Becker

**Motion carried**

The party for the FLM 0-99 players will be in the Richmond room or Hospitality Suite with food and alcohol with Paul Cuneo and Jack Lavigne as speakers. The party will be within budget of \$1,250.

**Motion: That the Board agrees that the FLM party have a budget up to \$1,250, using funds out of the Lone Star Regional Hospitality Budget.**

The motion made by Dave Becker - Seconded by Kathy McDougall.

**Motion carried**

Dave plans to give out trophies for the 0-99 games at LSR and would like a budget to order \$150 trophies. Greg also requests a budget for printing of \$300 for FLM flyers. Karen Nussbaum approves these items within the President's authority.



**Covid Monitoring LSR Budget**

**Dave Becker**

We can use professional Vaccine screeners for Covid screeners. Need additional volunteers to meet ACBL Covid screening requirements.

**Motion: That the Board approves a budget up to \$4,200 for Covid screening at the Lone Star Regional.**

The motion made by Dave Becker - Seconded by Joyce Gore.

**Motion carried**

**Lone Star Regional Speakers**

**Thomas Rush**

Most speakers are locked in. All will be nationally approved speakers.

**Board Member Status Update**

**Karen Nussbaum**

Carol Lombardino is resigning.

**Lone Star Regional Restaurant and Door Prizes**

**Karen Nussbaum**

We will reach out to former chair, Diana Gittleman for prior lists of nearby restaurant gift cards with a 10% discount for showing convention cards.

**Lone Star Regional Event Naming**

**Joyce Gore**

Most events are named. We are fully booked on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with one session still available for naming on other days.

**Lone Star Regional Hospitality**

**Karen Nussbaum**

Sam Khayatt will be chairing the hospitality committee. Final Hospitality still need to be chosen. Umbrella, tools are part of a selection of gifts within budget that were emailed for Board to review.

**Lone Star Regional Partnership**

**Clif Rice**

Many slots are filled. All committee assignments should be complete later this month.

**Lone Star Vendors**

**Nancy Strohmer**

Bookseller, Mike Grand and Carolyn Wedel payment is 10% based on an honor system.

**Lone Star Bulletin**

**Karen Nussbaum**

Contact Jay Whipple. We intend to reduce paper copies printed by a substantial number, using virtual copies by email.

**Lone Star Regional Education**

**Kathy McDougall**

We need a minimum of 10 attendees for each of the courses, Director and Teacher's courses to make. There are three signed up for each at this time and a link is on the website to assist finding others to enroll in the courses.



**Board Candidate Committee**

**Karen Nussbaum**

There are currently five qualified candidates for the Board election and they are continuing to work on finding one additional candidate.

**Lone Star Regional Budget**

**Dave Becker**

We need final approval on the budget in order to complete Marriott Food Contract agreements. District will reimburse the unit for Teacher appreciation Breakfast and Tacos. Nancy Strohmer advises that the District will send an E-blast with the flyer. We doing everything possible to reduce the budgeted loss and that this is an investment in our Unit's future.

**Motion: To approve the Lone Star Region Budget.**

The motion made by Dave Becker - Seconded by Thomas Rush.

**Motion carried**

**Procedure Manual**

**Lauri Laufman**

The procedure manual was updated and emailed to the board. Review and approval delayed to January meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Charity Report**

**Nancy Strohmer**

No report

**Member Communications**

**Karen Nussbaum**

No report.

**Publicity Chair**

No report

*Dave Becker*

**Website & Information**

No report

**Carol Winograd**

**Supplies**

No report

**Dave Becker**

**Awards**

**Joyce Gore**

**GNT**

No report

**Joyce Gore**

**STAC (U174)**

**Joyce Gore**

STAC is going on now for clubs for December.

**Joyce Gore**

**NAP**

**Joyce Gore**

All members that qualified at the Club level will be eligible to play at the District qualifier in January.



## **Next Board Meeting**

**Karen Nussbaum**

Next monthly meeting date is to be determined. A Lone Star Regional Ad Hoc Meeting is proposed for later this month to discuss committee status for the Lone Star Regional. Proposed for zoom December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

## **Executive Session**

Board went into Executive Session at 11:13. Board went out of session at 11:19.

## **Adjournment**

### **Motion to adjourn**

Made by Lauri Laufman - Seconded by Kathy McDougall

**Motion carried**

***The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Clif Rice, Unit 174 Secretary*

