



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
February 2, 2019
Houston Marriott Westchase

Call to order

Ken Hudson

Ken Hudson called the meeting to order at 12:39 pm. Directors in attendance: Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Ken Hudson, Lauri Laufman, Jack LaVigne, Betty Starzec, and Sheryl Thomas. Also present: Nancy Strohmmer, Cindy Cox, Clif Rice, and Treasurer, Gary Hercules.

Approval of Minutes

Ken Hudson

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the January 2019 Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by Sheryl Thomas; seconded by Jack LaVigne; and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

No report. Gary will review the inventory and have all financial statements ready for the March meeting.

Old Business

LSR 2019 Schedule

Ken Hudson/Lauri Laufman

All planning is "on track" in regard to speakers, ads, marketing, Best Practices Teacher Workshop, hospitality events, and all other items.

Speaker gifts have been purchased.

An additional \$550 in Event Naming and \$200 in advertisements have been collected.



Table Runners and Volunteer Tags have been purchased.

Seventeen (17) people have signed up for the Best Practices Teacher Workshop. Sharon Carter will be the facilitator.

Hospitality events are “set”.

All Chairs are “set”.

Restaurant Guide will be available on Monday.

Daily Bulletin content is complete except for photos.

Election Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Sheryl Thomas

All is on schedule for the Election Sectional. Meeting with the Marriott is set for February 21st.

Early Summer Sectional

Sheryl Thomas

Budget was presented.

Motion: That the June and August Sectional entry fees this year be \$11 for each daytime weekly session (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) and \$10 on Sunday.

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

Motion: That the Early Summer Budget as presented be approved with the proposed changes: \$11 entry fees for Friday and Saturday and a \$10 entry fee for Sunday.

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

Schedule was presented.

Motion: That the Early Summer Schedule as presented be approved with the proposed changes: 2 Single Session Pairs on Sunday and a Start Time of 2:00 pm.

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



Sheryl further emphasized the need for recycling during the tournaments. She is to research costs, implementation, etc and present in the March meeting. Also, she brought up the need for excel training for new Board members.

August 2019 Sectional

Daniel Jackson

No report in his absence. Report will be given at the March meeting.

November 2019 Sectional

Jack LaVigne

No further update.

New Member Recruitment / Retention

Ken Hudson

No report.

STaC

Lauri Laufman

No report.

GNT

Ken Hudson (in Daniel Jackson's absence)

Club qualifying games are in progress and will conclude in March. At that time, Daniel will assemble a list of qualifying Unit players for the District final in April.

NAP

Ken Hudson (in Daniel Jackson's absence)

The Directors of the District final received score corrections after the final results had already been tabulated and reported at the previous Board meeting. This resulted in the following changes:

Flight A: Daniel Jackson and Mike Doyle are now 3rd.

Flight B: Ted Bain and Al Cupps are now 4th.

Committee Reports

Club Connection

Nancy Guthrie

Next Club Connection will be held at Lake Conroe Duplicate Bridge Club on March 1st at the 10:30 am game.

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

The following District Charity games were held in October, 2018:

October 18: Grass Roots Fund Game

October 19: SEARCH

October 22: Grass Roots Fund Game

October 23: SEARCH



The following Clubs participated: Apple II, BCoH, Clear Lake, Diamond, Fort Bend, Gulf Coast, Forest Club, Lake Conroe, SW Duplicate Club, Star, Westside Bridge Academy.

All money from the Clubs has been received. Total amount that will go to SEARCH is \$1,048 from this round of charity games.

The following Unit Charity games were held in December, 2018:

December 11: ACBL Charity game

December 12: Unit Charity game for SEARCH

December 13: ACBL Charity game

December 14: Unit Charity game for SEARCH

The following Clubs participated: Apple II, BCoH, Clear Lake, Gulf Coast, SW Duplicate Club, Westside Bridge Academy

The total money collected or to be collected is \$642.

A check in the amount of \$1690 will be presented to SEARCH's Volunteer Coordinator, Molly Martin, on Thursday, February 7th, at the Lone Star Regional at 2:20 pm (just prior to the 2:30 session).

If you have the opportunity, Nancy encouraged all of us to thank these Clubs for participating in the Charity games.

Nancy (in accordance with Gary Hercules, Treasurer) stipulated that in the future, all charity money/checks will be sent to her and the checks/cash collected will be submitted to Gary with a detailed report which will correspond with ACBL records.

Bridge in Schools

Ken Hudson (in Kathleen Malcolmson's absence)

No report.

Bridge as a Sport

Nancy Guthrie

Proposal has been accepted by the UIL for presentation on June 11th.

Supplies

Jack LaVigne

Supplies were inventoried at 9:30 am on February 2nd.

There are 29 old duplicate boards with cases. Cases will be sold at \$25/case at the Lone Star Regional. Announcements will be made daily.

Awards

Sheryl Thomas

No report.



New Business

District Report

Lauri Laufman (in Kathleen Malcolmson's absence)

Kathleen Malcolmson presented via email information regarding an issue of distribution of the Scorecard - either continuation of distribution in print or going digital. The proposal to be voted on is to conduct a 2 year trial period allowing each Unit to opt for all paper or all digital.

Motion: In regard to Scorecard distribution, the Board support the "test proposal" as presented by the District.

The motion was made by Jack LaVigne; seconded by Betty Starzec; and approved by all.

Motion: Lauri Laufman, on behalf of the Unit 174 Board, to vote for Betty Starzec as the 2nd Vice President of the District.

The motion was made by Nancy Guthrie; seconded by Sheryl Thomas; and approved by all.

By-Law Update

Ken Hudson

No report.

ABA/ACBL Joint Game

Sheryl Thomas

The date of April 27th at the Westside Bridge Academy has been confirmed. Flyer has been prepared and will be sent to the Board for approval.

Kiwanis Tournament

Ken Hudson

No update; tabled until the March meeting.

Executive Session

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

The Board spent 17 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 2:12 pm.



Next Board Meeting on March 4th at 9:30 am at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Guthrie, Unit 174 Secretary

