



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

February 9th, 2021

Zoom

Call to Order

Jack LaVigne

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

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

Others Present: Gary Hercules-Treasurer, Paul Cuneo and Nancy Strohmer.

ACBL Up-Date

Paul Cuneo

Paul addressed online cheating. He informed the Board there had been two (2) players that have been convicted and have confessed to cheating. Both have been suspended by ACBL.

There is over 60,000 members playing online and approximately 50 cases in the pipeline that are now being investigated for cheating. These are mostly new members and players that are playing from the same residence. With these facts, Paul stated cheating was not as rampant as players complain of.

Paul said there was a complaint about the quality of online Director rulings. He said it is a difficult position for the directors but agreed the rulings could be improved.

He said the contracts for future Regionals with the Marriot are close to being negotiated and finalized.

Jack said Paul had shared that at the end of September, 2020 there were 1000 out of 2500 members of Unit 174 playing online. As of February, 2021 there were 1400 playing online. Paul thanked the Board members for all the efforts they had made to obtain this increase and said we needed to keep increasing these numbers.

Approval of Minutes

Joyce Gore

The January 2021 Minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion that the January 2021 Board Minutes and the January 27th Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes be approved was made by Nancy Guthrie– Seconded by Kathy McDougall. **Motion Carried**



Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

Gary reported the December 2020 and January 2021 Financial Reports had been emailed and verified.

Motion to accept the **December 2020** and **January 2020** Financial Report was made by Nancy Guthrie—
Seconded by Sheryl Thomas. **Motion Carried**

Gary reported the 2020 Tax Return had been prepared and electronically filed.

Jack gave a **BIG** Thank You to Gary for all his efforts and hard work.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Charity

Nancy Strohmer

Nancy informed the Board that the D16 March Charity had been cancelled but has been rescheduled for August 2-6.

IN/Future Life Masters

Kathy McDougall/Greg May

Greg said the latest rosters for Future Life Master have been sent out and the postcards will be sent out this week. Flight Commander, Nancy Guthrie has been busy bringing on Pilots and setting up the structure.

Kathy wanted to know if the postcards would be an on-going thing. After discussion it was decided the players coming out of BIAD would be contacted by telephone or sent the postcard by email. She said it would be good to have a way of knowing where the new beginners heard about BIAD for future publications.

Education

Kathy McDougall

Kathy said she is still attempting to recruit online teachers.

Greg said if anyone wants to teach online, once the postcards are mailed, they can go to the FLM website and find instructions on where to sign up to do so.

GNT

Kathleen McDougall

Kathy said the GNT District finals will be played virtually on BBO April 9-11.

Laurie added that the announcement is to be made once details have been finalized. Same conditions of contest except as needed to adjust for virtual play. District 16 masterpoint list will be posted so players can determine their eligibility.



NAP

Greg May

2020 NAP was cancelled and will be held virtually at the 2021 Spring Nationals. People who were going to compete last year will be able to compete this year.

Club qualifications for 2022 begin this June thru August.

Supplies

Clif Rice

Clif said he has been looking into ordering the 15 medals for the Mini-McKenney Awards but wanted clarification as to which ones he should order.

Nancy suggested he contact Betty Starzac before doing anything, as the District had negotiated with Baron and Barclay for all Units on behalf of D16.

Clif said there were no major changes in the inventory fixed assets but that there is a fairly large supply of hand sanitizers.

Clif said he would have the inventory spreadsheet ready this week and would email it to the Board Members.

Awards

Sheryl Thomas

Sheryl reported one (1) new Life Master this month, James Stoller, and said his plaque had been mailed.

New Business

Tournament Chair

Jack LaVigne

Jack made the following appointments:

June 11-13 - Karen Nussbaum – New Board member

August 12 -15 - Greg May – New Board member

October 15-17 - Kathy McDougall – New Board member.

April Sectional

Lauri Laufman/Greg May

Lauri reiterated that the Sectional had been cancelled. She said the Arabian Shriners had offered to transfer the \$500. deposit to a future event at their facility. She accepted.

Board Elections

Lauri Laufman

Lauri displayed and reviewed the election postcard.

A **MOTION** that we proceed and approve up to \$1600. for this membership postcard mailing project was made by Lauri Laufman. Seconded by Sheryl Thomas. **Motion Carried**



Tournament Contracts

Lauri Laufman

Lauri said the dates for the three (3) remaining 2021 Sectionals at the Arabian Shriners have been reconfirmed.

Dates for the Four (4) 2022 tournaments have been presented and penciled in.

A contract has been initiated with Moody Gardens for the 2023 Fall Sectional, October 27-29, 2023.

The Regional contracts from the Marriot for 2022 through 2025 have been received and are being reviewed.

District Update

Lauri Laufman

Lauri said the Proposed D16 By-Laws all passed.

She then gave the following highlights of the D16 February BOD Meeting:

- D16 now requires two (2) signatures for amounts of \$5,000. or more
- D16 allowed to join D9/D7/D24 99ers evening game
- District Star Award – Sam Khayatt –
- Goodwill pins - Charles Dalton and John Erickson
- 2020 Teacher of Year Award for 2021 has been suspended
- D16 Facebook Page was created.

Adjournment

Jack LaVigne

A **Motion to adjourn** was made by Sheryl Thomas- Seconded by Kathy McDougall

Motion carried

The **March Board Meeting** will be **Tuesday March 9th at 1:00 pm on Zoom.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Gore

Unit 174 Secretary

