



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2017

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Ken

Nancy Strohmer called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Directors in attendance: Nancy Strohmer, Ken Hudson, Lauri Laufman, Dianna Gittelman, John Caudill, Nancy Guthrie, David Henke and Daniel Jackson. Missing: Bill Riley
Also present, Treasurer Gary Hercules and Kathleen Malcolmson.

Approval of minutes

Lauri

The December meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board

Motion – That the December Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by David, seconded by Nancy G and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary

The November report was presented for final approval. Gary is still missing a few bills as well as the verifier's approval in order to complete the December financials.

Motion – That the November Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by Nancy G, seconded by John and approved by all.

Old Business

2017 October Sectional

Dianna/David

Final report is in agreement with Gary's figures already presented.

2018 LSR

Nancy S/Ken



Nancy provided an update via email prior to the meeting and went over key items/events.

Tues: Dan Morse Recognition Day (volunteers wanted to cut and serve cake) between 10/230 game, SEARCH check presentation after 230 game, Wed: 0-5 Promotion Day 10/230 games (Joyce Ryan directing), Thur: Open Reception for Jay Whipple (ACBL Pres) after 230 game Fri: Teacher Appreciation Day (after 230 game) Fri Eve: Dinner hosted by Jay Whipple for D16 Delegates and U174 BOD Sat: D16 Meeting moved to after 230 game

All speakers secured. An E-Blast reminder is being sent out mid Jan to D16 (thanks given to Carol Wilson and Carol Winograd for designing).

Jay Whipple (ACBL President) will be in town for a good part of the week. A town hall Q&A with Jay will be held on Saturday at 1:30pm. There will also be an open reception on Thursday after the 230 session in the 10th floor hospitality suite. Volunteer Appreciation will also be celebrated at that time.

Hot dogs and cake will be provided on Friday after the 2:30 session in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Day.

Nancy S and Ken have a “Daily Bulletin” meeting at Speedy Printing this Tuesday with a reminder that all ads and submissions are due asap. Great news, Bridge Finesse will work in conjunction with Speedy Printing for the Daily Bulletin – look for improvements as we move forward.

Dianna, our restaurant coordinator, updated us as to some of the special discounts she has already secured for players during the Regional.

Thanks to the efforts of I/N Coordinator Nancy Guthrie, Joyce Ryan has graciously offered to host these two special 0-5 games to be held in the Rosegarden Room on Wednesday, January 31. A flyer promoting this has been created.

Our head caddy (Randy) recently had back surgery and options were discussed by way of providing an alternate solution if he is not able to run things. John C and Nancy S will be further discussing this with Randy after the meeting.

Silvia Toledo (WBA) will be in charge of making the pre-duplicated boards for the same arrangement/compensation as the past 2 years.

Bert Onstott has graciously volunteered to and has completed designing posters for the LSR Speakers and BOD Candidates. Speedy Printing will produce the posters.

Daniel is promoting the Big Texan Lease-Laird Championship event. As Larry Laird has generously donated the \$1500 prize money, please thank Larry.



Retailers at this year's event include Jeremy Lewis (bridge books and related items), Siam Jewelry from Aspen and Graham Crackers (clothing). 10% of sales go to U174.

A \$10 meal ticket will be provided to players for lunch on Sunday during the morning session. Players can use the ticket to buy up to \$10 food/drink at the concession. Marriott has agreed to set-up four lines with double the staff

LSR Event Naming

Nancy

An update was presented along with a list of events named. Everything received will be included during the Regional.

2018 Election Sectional

Lauri/Nancy G

The schedule was presented. A 0-5 game will be offered during the morning session on Friday and Saturday if it makes. Sunday Swiss will be Stratified (previously bracketed). Stratified events for Flight A will be at 3000 (previously 2500).

Motion – To Approve The Schedule

The motion was made by Dianna, seconded by Ken and approved by all.

After polling a variety of players at several clubs and weighing the options, it was decided the annual meeting will be held between sessions on Sunday.

Due to time constraints and in the interest of finishing the tournament in a timely manner, a lunch of some sort will be offered. Further information regarding lunch will be detailed once we meet with the Marriott to explore options.

Fees per session for the Sectional will be Fri/Sat \$12 and Sun \$15

A flyer will be presented prior to the LSR for board approved via email, approved by ACBL and then both posted online and printed for distribution at the LSR.

Nearly Summer Sectional ("The Big Switcheroo")

Daniel

Daniel presented both the schedule and budget for the June sectional.

Motion – To Approve the Budget as Presented

Motion – To Approve the Schedule as Presented

Each motion was separately made by Lauri, seconded by Nancy G and approved by all.

New Member Recruitment / Retention

All



It was agreed that the LSR will potentially have a huge impact by way of recruiting new members thanks to the 0-5 event planned.

Committee Reports

Marketing Committee Report

No report to review at this meeting

Website and Information Committee Report

No report to review at this meeting.

Club Connection

Six board members are planning to attend Friday's visit to Bryan/College Station.

I/N

Nancy G gave a quick update regarding the planned fishbowl drawings planned at LSR for mentoring sessions for the I/N players thanks to several of our teachers who have offered free sessions for winners.

STaC Week

John

All complete and money is in. There was a question regarding country clubs and whether they belong as an open or invitational club. Due to time constraints, this will be discussed another time.

NAP Unit Qualifiers

John/David

John is working to secure October 27-28, 2018 at BCOH for this event.

GNT 2017/2018

John/David

GNT qualifiers for B and C are progressing along nicely with turnout in U174 the strongest in D16 at this point.

2018-2019 Directory

David

No report.

Unit Charity /Championship Games

Daniel

National meeting is a week away...games are now sanctioned by the day and not just as a 1 session.

Procedures Manual

Lauri

A new procedure manual was presented to each board member and our treasurer.

New Marriott Set-Up

Daniel

Daniel would like to have the two-section pairs played in the Rosegarden if possible. Nancy S. will check to see if the Rosegarden is available for the June Sectional.



Grand Life Master Recognition

Lauri

Lauri presented the list of GLM's in our unit of which there are 9. Dianna will now work on securing award options and hopes to present these along with cost to produce at the next board meeting.

Storage Unit

Ken/Lauri

Quote was received from Diligent and an additional one is forthcoming from Pack 'n Send. A representative from the latter will be coming to inventory the supplies within the next week.

New Business

Lone Star Bridge Club

All

Grand opening of this new club up in Lake Conroe is on Feb 19 and the board is invited to attend.

Email Compromise of Names on Unit Website

All

It appears as if contact info (of various board members) has been harvested off our website and flyers in an attempt to try to scam or phish other board members. The most popular scam thus far is that of requesting payment of an outstanding bridge related invoice. After discussion, this matter is being passed over to our webmaster to see how we can better avoid this moving forward.

Executive Session

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

The Board spent 2 minutes in Executive Session.

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

Future Meeting Dates

The next Board Meeting of 2018 will be held at Tracy Gee Community Center on Monday February 12, 2018 (at 9:30 am).

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 11:38 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Laufman, Unit Secretary

