



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

January 7, 2019

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Ken Hudson

Ken Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Directors in attendance: Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Ken Hudson, Daniel Jackson, Lauri Laufman, Kathleen Malcolmson, Betty Starzec, and Sheryl Thomas. Also present: Nancy Strohmer and Treasurer, Gary Hercules.

Approval of Minutes

Ken Hudson

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the December 2018 Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by Daniel Jackson; seconded by Lauri Laufman; and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The December financial statements were not available and because of year-end information needed, will be not available until February 2019.

The status sheets were presented for the Event Naming at the LSR. Lauri Laufman gave reports on STaC on December 3-9.

Old Business

LSR 2019 Schedule

Ken Hudson/Lauri Laufman

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

Sharon Carter will be the facilitator for the Best Practices Workshop.



\$2,895 has been sold and received for the Event Naming so far. Photos and write-ups have been requested and most received.

Second meeting with the Marriott is set for January 11th.

Betty Starzec, Ken Hudson, and Lauri Laufman will work on the invitation to Teachers/Club Managers for the ACBL President visit.

Tournament set-up will be Saturday, February 2nd, at 11:00 am.

Election Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Sheryl Thomas

ALL is on schedule for the Election Sectional. Many kudos go to Jack LaVigne for assistance with the flyer.

Early Summer Sectional

Sheryl Thomas

Planning is in process.

November 2019 Sectional

Ken Hudson (in Jack LaVigne's absence)

It was agreed that the original flyer for the November Sectional would be distributed "as is".

New Member Recruitment / Retention

Ken Hudson

No report.

STaC

Lauri Laufman

Revenue for the Dec 3-9 STaC was \$901.99.

The Unit STaC week dates for 2019 are: Oct 7-13, 2019 and Dec 2-8, 2019.

GNT

Daniel Jackson

Motion: That the GNT winners who participate at the Nationals be awarded \$250 up to \$1,000/team.

Motion was made by Lauri Laufman; seconded by Daniel Jackson; and approved by all.

NAP

Daniel Jackson

The District 16 NAP finals were held on January 5-6 in Austin.

Unit 174 pairs earning a trip to Memphis to compete in the National Finals are:

Flight A: Harry Elliot and David Goldfarb

Flight B: James Zhan and Lunhui Lin



Committee Reports

Club Connection

Nancy Guthrie

Next Club Connection will be held at Lake Conroe Duplicate Bridge Club (date TBD).

Nomination Committee

Ken Hudson

No update.

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 total money collected will be reported at the February Board Meeting as all reports have not been received by ACBL as yet.

Bridge in Schools

Kathleen Malcolmson

Supplies are ready. Lauri Laufman will assist Kathleen in teaching. They both are on target and working out the details for initiation.

Bridge as a Sport

Nancy Guthrie

Input has been received from Al Levy, District 24 Director and WBF 1st VP as well as from Ed Rawlinson, District 16 Education Chair and former Supt of Schools in San Antonio TX. Suggestions have been sent to Carol Wilson for input to our final presentation to the UIL. Many kudos go to all involved in this project.

Supplies

Ken Hudson (in Jack's LaVigne's absence)



Supplies will be inventoried at 9:30 am on February 2nd. Request has been made that all Board Members participate with appropriate utensils (paper, pencil, clipboard, and ruler with millimeters).

Thirty cases of new duplicate boards and 1,080 decks of playing cards were purchased and placed in the empty metal cart.

A new speaker, receiver, and mixer have been purchased for the sound system. A replacement for the defective power supply for the good mixer was purchased.

Computer paper was purchased and a box of trash bags was donated by Kroger.

ALL is ready for the LSR except the mixer has not yet arrived (scheduled to arrive between Jan 16 and Feb 3).

The new sound system was successfully tested at the Westside Bridge Academy. Thank you, Bert.

Awards

Sheryl Hudson

Life Master plaques will be presented to Winkie Roper and Marcia Lindsey on January 24th at their LM party at Westside. Daniel Jackson will take Frederick Gregory's LM plaque to him at BCoH on January 26th. LM plaque was mailed to James Cauble. Lisa Zummo and Alan Holzberg have received their plaques.

Procedure Manual Updates

Lauri Laufman

Motion: That the Procedure Manual updates as emailed to the Board be approved.

Motion was made by Betty Starzec; seconded by Sheryl Thomas; and approved by all.

Hard copies of the approved Procedure Manual will be provided to all Board Members.

Errol LeCesne

Betty Starzec

Errol LeCesne is a former Unit Board member. He is teaching at a senior center in the Kingwood area which we will be supporting.

Motion: Approve the \$320 for books + shipping for usage at no charge with accountability as to success.

Motion was made by Kathleen Malcombson; seconded by Nancy Guthrie; and approved by all.



New Business

District Report

Kathleen Malcolmson

Lauri Laufman will serve as the representative to the District 16 meeting on February 9th in Kathleen's absence. Send any items which you want brought up at the meeting to Lauri.

By-Law Update

Ken Hudson

By-law update will in published in the January Scorecard and posted on the Unit website.

ABA/ACBL Joint Game

Lauri Laufman

Sheryl Thomas has agreed to take over the coordination of this event. She is working with the ABA and Bert Onstott (at Westside Bridge Academy) to come up with potential Saturday options between our April and June Sectional for this year's event.

Kiwanis Tournament

Ken Hudson

Tabled until the March meeting.

Word of Thanks

Betty Starzec

Betty Starzec stated appreciation of working on the Board. She applauded the Board of our camaraderie.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion was approved by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

Next Board Meeting on February 2, 2019 at 11:00 am at Marriott Westchase.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Guthrie, Unit 174 Secretary

