



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

July 15, 2021

Zoom Video Conference

Call to Order

Karen Nussbaum

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. Directors in attendance: Joyce Gore, Lauri Laufman, Clif Rice, Dave Becker, Karen Nussbaum, Greg May and Thomas Rush and Kathy McDougall.

Others present: Nancy Strohmer, Paul Cuneo, Linda Warren, Gary Hercules and Jeanne Phelps.

Approval of Minutes

Clif Rice

The minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the May 2021 Minutes be approved.

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

Motion carried

June minutes to be approved with next meeting

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

Treasurer's report and the April Financial Statements were verified and emailed.
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Motion: That the April, May and June 2021 Treasurer's report be approved

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman- Seconded by Dave Becker.

Motion carried



Technology Procedures

Greg May

1. Box is working well for saving Unit documents. Anyone who would like an additional training please advise Greg.
2. Email is working for all with small issues still remaining for one board member.
3. Discussion about using extra caddies for August tournament given that Swiss teams will be using duplicated boards.

Procedure Manual and Bylaws

Lauri Laufman

No anticipated changes until Election Sectional when we will vote on two Bi-law changes.

ACBL Update

Paul Cuneo

The ACBL Board voted in July on a policy change where participants are not required to wear masks. At a Unit level we will need to assign a vaccination, mask policy for the August tournament.

Motion: That proof of vaccination is required in order to play at the August Sectional.

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

Motion carried

A daily safety officer to be appointed by the President will setup a team to verify vaccination status. Masks will not be required.

Paul Cuneo is running for election as regional director for Region Nine. The Board verbally supports Paul for the position.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

Nancy emailed the Charity report. Clif will forward the report to the full board. Charity games are scheduled through the end of 2022.

Traditions Senior Living would like to host a bridge game on a monthly basis. They are willing to pay for everything. They have 30-50 residents who are interested in bridge. With Board acclamation Nancy will coordinate with Jennifer Breihan for the facility.

Nancy Strohmer requests we reserve the Richmond Rooms 1 and 2, on Saturday January 29th at 8am for a District Board meeting.



District Update

Lauri Laufman

Key points from District 16 Update: (Lauri will email a two page summary of the meeting)

- Sam Khayatt was appointed I/N coordinator for the District
- Westside Bridge Academy is 16th of 212 participating clubs for the 99r night game.
- Scorecard will begin distribution again soon and member may elect to receive a hard copy or digital copy. Final distribution date is still to be determined.
- Membership Chair, Sandy Potts, is looking for ideas to assist with District weekend games.

Club Connection

Thomas Rush

Thomas interested in best day to schedule club connections and requests board members advise of best day to schedule connection.

I/N-Future Life Master

Greg May

Greg advised that the FLM continue to do well with the 0-20 games and credits Mary Ellen Vail. The new program Mixer Madness with random pairing for 0-99rs is a positive impact for the 0-99 group.

New Business

August 2021 Sectional

Karen Nussbaum

1. Three speakers are lined up. Dave Gandorf, Sam Khayatt and Joyce Ryan
2. Shriners request advise an estimate of attendance for the complimentary breakfast on Thursday. Thomas Rush suggests using 60% of budgeted attendance for that morning as a starting point.
3. Karen advised on lunches for \$10, coffee \$1, water \$1 and soda \$2 and that breakfast will be on sale for 9:15 to 9:45 daily. Members may pre-order lunch.

Motion: That each person receive one \$1 chit, when they initially register with the safety desk.

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

Motion carried

4. No update on pre-registering for tournament.



5. Thomas Rush offers to put together a survey monkey survey to gauge attendance.
6. Marriott Westchase has reduced rate to \$89 a night.

Bridge Score for Team Games	no report	Jack Lavigne
New Member Recruitment	no report	Carol Lombardino
Member Communications		Jeanne Phelps

Karen welcomed Jeanne Phelps as new editor with Linda Warren, co-editor in attendance at the board meeting.

Publicity Chair	<i>No report</i>	Dave Becker
Website & Information	<i>No report</i>	Carol Winograd
Supplies	<i>No report</i>	Dave Becker

AWARDS **Joyce Gore**

Joyce Gore reported 1 New Life Master, Baijanti Shrestha. The plaque is in the mail.

GNT **Joyce Gore**

Final knockouts are occurring online as we speak.

STAC (U174) **Joyce Gore**

STAC is the same planned for December. **Joyce Gore**

NAP **Joyce Gore**

The NAP is running from June through August and qualification may be at any club.

Club Manager Report **Lauri Laufman**

Lauri consistently making 4-5 full tables and hopefully will continue in perpetuity. In March/April/May, the Unit showed a net profit of approximately \$266.

October Sectional **Kathy McDougall/Greg May**
 Working on flyer, budget using August files in Box as a starting point. The first iteration of the flyer is complete with the assistance of Jack Lavigne. They would like to use bridge mate with the Team games and offer a Mixer madness for 0-99rs

January Regional **Karen Nussbaum/Thomas Rush**
 Working on the budget, flyer and seeking committee chairs, also working on setting up the in naming of games to Honor Members in memorium. Tournament to be at the Marriott.



Contracts**Dave Becker**

The 2022-2025 Regional Contracts are executed and available for review in Box Two major changes to the 2022 contract there will be no charge for self-parking and all Unit 174 required minimums have been reduced. The rates are fixed for 2022 and 2023 and will increase by 2% for 2024 and 2025. They may charge parking beginning in 2023 but we now have the option to cancel with six month notice if they elect to charge for parking. Concession and room rates are reduced for 2023 through 2025.

Although the Marriott strongly wants our regional business but is not interested in our sectional business in the future. The Marriott has also replaced and repaired its chairs

Next Board Meeting***Karen Nussbaum***

August 2 meeting at Amegy to sign Bank cards, meeting set for Monday 9:45 am August 2nd at Tracy Gee.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment**Motion to adjourn**

Made by Dave Becker - Seconded by Joyce Gore

Motion carried***The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

Clif Rice, Unit 174 Secretary

