



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

July 10, 2023

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to Order

Karen Nussbaum

President Karen Nussbaum brought the meeting to order at 9:15 am. Also present at the meeting were Thomas Rush, Charles Dalton, John DuBose, Paddy Fiorino, Steve Gordon, Antoun Henri, Dave Becker, Sarah Springer, Nile Gross. Siraj Jiwani was available on the phone. Also present was Nancy Strohmer.

Approval of minutes

Paddy Fiorino

PF presented minutes from the June 5 meeting which had been previously circulated via email to the board. SS moved that the minutes be approved, DB seconded the motion and **minutes for the 6/05/23 meeting were APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report

Steve Gordon

SG reported a profit of \$2500 from the June 2023 sectional. He reported a loss of \$10,000 YTD. He reported \$133,000 in liquid/semi-liquid assets; \$28,000 in cash in the bank, and \$105,000 in the Vanguard accounts. SG stated that there has been an issue with reimbursement checks lost in the mail and he encouraged board members to use Zelle when possible. DB stated costs for upcoming sectionals will be higher with new future contracts.

Technology

Thomas Rush

DB encouraged board members to subscribe to Experian to decrease spoofing emails. KN reported that David Littman has assisted in ordering new speaker



equipment which will be ready for the August sectional.

Box

Karen Nussbaum

KN instructed the board to use care while using box not to over-write on other people's documents.

Procedure Manual and Bylaws

Sarah Springer

Revision 32 was distributed to board members. KN requested that any corrections be reported to BOD so that it can be discussed and changed for the next revision. SS stated she is already working on the next revision and will modify when changes are approved by the board.

June Sectional

Thomas Rush, John Dubose

Profit noted.

Club Connection

Sarah Springer

Next club connection is 8/21 at BCOH. Clear Lake club connection game is planned for November/early December and SS will follow-up to schedule a specific date.

August Sectional

Sarah Springer

SS stated Daughters of the Nile will be providing food for the 4 days of the tournament. JD reported that the storage unit supplies will be delivered to Shriner's the Tuesday prior to the August sectional. Wednesday Aug 9 is the set-up day. Left-over sodas and water need to be inventoried prior so that replacements can be purchased. SS made a motion that that sodas will now be complimentary in addition to bottled water. Motion was seconded by CG and approved by the board. Donations to offset costs will be accepted. SS reported that I/N welcome packets have apparently not been available for some time. SS will follow-up with Betty Westbrook to set up the packets, identify the supplies needed, and instruct I/N to request reimbursement for the purchases..

Moody Gardens Sectional October

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KN stated that she plans to meet soon with Moody Gardens rep. Other persons



attending will be Greg May, SS, NG, AH. Room nights and food commitments will be discussed. Entertainment options including magician, casino night, a local band were discussed. DB will follow-up with a band for cost and availability. KN stated that she would follow-up with a magician for cost and availability for the Bryan/College Station sectional.

Sectional at the Clubs/District update

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KN stated that Houston is not eligible for this program, she plans to discuss this further with Scott.

Previous Member Recruitment

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KN stated that she will discuss with BS about the board's involvement in the proposed project to invite lapsed members to club games with vouchers as an incentive to renew their membership and face to face participation.

I/N Future Life Master

Sarah Springer

SS stated that Betty Westbrook has agreed to be an informal contact person.

Tournament Contracts /Future Tournaments

Dave Becker, Karen Nussbaum

DB stated that it may be advantageous to consider other hotels and to delay signing hotel contracts in upcoming tournaments until anticipated attendance is better known. KN stated that the upcoming January regional is planned at the Marriott because of its central location and stated that the hotel has to be decided as a part of the initial plans. KN wants to change the Teacher Appreciation ceremony planned for the January regional to a luncheon. Breakfast tacos or pastries will be considered for other days of the regional.

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

NS reported that all funds from the charity games have been received and thanked all clubs that participated. Recognition will be included in the upcoming U174 newsletter. All funds will be given to the Houston Food Bank at the 2024 Houston Regional.

GNT/NAP

Karen Nussbaum

KN stated this will be in the April 2024 sectional.



Flyer/New Ideas**Karen Nussbaum**

KN distributed copies of the preliminary flyer for the January regional. The board reviewed the flyer and some corrections were made. TR made a motion that the entry fees /per session for the Sunday session of the regional should be increased to \$18.00/session since a lunch is provided. DB seconded the motion. The motion was passed. KN stated that a Best Practices class will be offered at the regional and there will not be a Mini-Soloway event. SS stated that replacement of the current playing cards is needed. After discussion, the board decided that cards will be replaced as indicated at set-up for the August sectional.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by DB. NG seconded. All were in favor.

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Paddy Fiorino, Unit 174 Board Secretary

