



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

June 4, 2018

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Ken Hudson

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

Approval of Minutes

Ken Hudson

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the May Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by Jack LaVigne; seconded by Betty Starzec, and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report:

Gary Hercules

The May Treasurer's report was emailed to Board members. Decision was made to await for verifier's concurrence before approval.

Old Business

Election Sectional

Lauri Laufman/Nancy Guthrie

Our unit had 680.5 tables which slightly exceeded our initial estimate of 675.

Revenue from table fees were \$34,680 with expenses in the \$28,000-\$29,000 range giving the Unit a positive bottom line of \$5,600-\$6,600. Treasurer and Tournament Chair are to meet to reconcile the exact numbers.

The Big Switcheroo Sectional

Daniel Jackson



Daniel and Kathleen met with the Marriott to finalize plans. New guidecards are ready. Jack has coordinated delivery of our supplies for Thursday afternoon. Early afternoon ice cream event has been confirmed. Unit and ACBL EBlasts have gone out. Set-up will be Friday, June 8th, at 8:00 am.

August Sectional

David Henke/Betty Starzec

Four “adds” were noted for the flyer: Specify the amount for paid ACBL members; Include I/N Chair (always the same name); Time for speakers; and Free morning coffee star. Westside is doing the promotion for the 0-5 game. David stated that perhaps we should alternate the other full service clubs to promote the upcoming 0-5 games. Ken gave a verbal confirmation that the Marriott had reserved August 9th. The flyer was presented and with edits will be sent to ACBL in proof form for approval immediately then corrected copy to scorecard and printing. The seating configuration for the Sectional will be stipulated upon feedback from the June Sectional.

Fall Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Jack LaVigne

Dates will be Nov 16-18, 2018. Budget and schedule will be presented at the July meeting.

Fall 2019 Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Lauri Laufman

Things are moving forward in a positive direction for having our Fall Sectional at Moody Gardens in Galveston, November 1-3, 2019.

Although not a direct conflict, the Fulton Beach Sectional is that same weekend. Scott Humphrey suggested Ken reach out to the Unit Contact to see if they might switch dates with us. Ken did so and learned that they are still recovering from Harvey and their venue was torn down. As a result, they consider this a non-issue and thanked Ken for our consideration.

Dianna Gittelman initially recommended the Moody Gardens venue. Among other things, she also scheduled the two meetings we have had thus far; introduced Ken, Nancy, and Lauri to the contacts; and helped organize the negotiations leading to the initial contract we now are evaluating.

In order to hold the dates, we have been requested to submit a deposit of \$1,000 by June 8, 2018.

Ken has submitted the draft contract to Paul Cuneo; he suggested a few modifications which we will review with Moody Gardens managements but meanwhile, we would like to have the Board’s approval to provide them with the non-refundable deposit. Daniel suggested that we, too, ask if this deposit could be transferred if the 2019 dates do not work out.



Motion – That the requested \$1,000 deposit to Moody Gardens be approved pending changes to the contract.

The motion was made by Daniel Jackson; seconded by Sheryl Thomas, and approved by all.

LSR 2019 Schedule

Ken Hudson/Lauri Laufman

Tournament Dates: Monday, Feb 4 – Sunday, Feb 10, 2019

Entry Fees: \$14 for Monday – Saturday play. \$16 for Sunday with \$10 meal chit

Budgeted Tables: 3,025

Game Times: Monday: 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am and TBD

Teacher Accredited Program offered starting Sunday at 1:00 pm

Chairs named: Partnership, Bill and Nancy Riley; Hospitality, Sam Khayatt; I/N: Kathleen Malcolmson. Betty Starzac has agreed to find all speakers.

Lauri/Ken are working on updating the schedule and will have revised copy for distribution to the Board soon.

Motion – That the updated schedule be approved to be sent to ACBL.

The motion was made by Sheryl Thomas; seconded by Betty Starzec, and approved by all.

New Member Recruitment / Retention

Ken Hudson

Ken emphasized that we always want to focus on new member recruitment and retention. Kathleen Malcolmson, I/N Coordinator, is resurrecting the New Player Services position and is designing a button for such person(s).

STaC

Lauri Laufman

Lauri announced that the Unit STaC week is the week of December 3, 2018 with Director TBD.

Committee Reports

Club Connection

Nancy Guthrie

Nancy announced that we are going to the Katy Sanctioned Wednesday Stratified Open Pairs game on July 11th. Place: Salt and Pepper Restaurant, 811 Avenue D, Katy. Time: 1:00 pm. Cost: \$3 (No charge if lunch bought).



Charity Report**Ken Hudson**

No new report for Charity. Unit charity games are scheduled for Dec 10, 12, 13, & 14, 2018.

Bridge in Schools**Nancy Guthrie**

Joe Giovannangeli and Dianna Gittelman met on May 10th to wordsmith “bridge as a sport” concept. Dianna is to prepare a wordsmith document in August (delayed because of her travel schedule).

Storage Bins / Supplies / Stanchions**Jack LaVigne**

Jack presented several options to replace the existing stanchions. Discussion was posed. Jack is to prepare 3 prototypes for review and voting by membership at the August Sectional.

Open / Invitational Games**David Henke**

There are 3 clubs currently under discussion in this category. Report has been made by one club. We are waiting on reports from the other 2 clubs.

Website Spammers**Lauri Laufman**

Unit Webmasters have obfuscated email addresses shown on our web contact page as a way to help reduce access to information.

New Business**Awards Update****Sheryl Thomas**

Sheryl reported that the plaque for Charles Dalton is ready for presentation on Tuesday, June 5th, at Westside. The Ace of Club award was mailed to Ann Dahn.

Update to Committee Chairs**Ken Hudson**

STaC: Lauri Laufman

Education: Betty Starzac

Hospitality: Nancy Guthrie

ACBL Membership Check for Westbrook Intermediate School Students**Nancy Guthrie**

Applications for 27 of the students were received. Check will be cut (per Board approval from last month) to ACBL for the student membership.



Executive Session

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

The Board spent 6 minutes in Executive Session.

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

Unit Representative to the District Board

Ken Hudson

A motion was made that Kathleen Malcolmson be appointed as our Unit representative to the District Board.

Motion was approved by all.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 9th, at 7:00 pm at Westside.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion was approved by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Guthrie, Unit 174 Secretary

