



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

June 3, 2019

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Lauri Laufman

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. Directors in attendance: Cindy Cox, Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Daniel Jackson, Lauri Laufman, Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, Clif Rice and Sheryl Thomas. Also present: Treasurer-Gary Hercules, Charity Coordinator-Nancy Strohmer.

Approval of Minutes

Lauri Laufman

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the May 2019 Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by Daniel Jackson, seconded by Nancy Guthrie, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The May 2019 Financial Statements were prepared and emailed to the Board. Financial statements were not verified, as yet, due to time constraints.

Motion: That the May 2019 Financial Statements be approved, dependent on verification.

The motion was made by Sheryl Thomas; seconded by Cindy Cox; and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Election Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Sheryl Thomas

The Election Sectional made profit of \$2931.00.



Nearly Summer Sectional**Sheryl Thomas/Kathleen Malcolmson**

All preparations are on schedule and going smoothly.

August 2019 Sectional**Daniel Jackson/Clif Rice**

All preparations are on track.

November 2019 Sectional**Jack LaVigne/Cindy Cox**

The motor coach survey has been tabled for now due to poor participation. Bridge clubs and individuals are still looking into shared transportation options. The BOD will provide information as needed to interested parties in order to help facilitate transportation options.

Lone Star Regional 2020**Lauri Laufman/Jack LaVigne**

The budget is not yet completed.

A Director Refresher course by Melody Euler will be offered. The cost to Unit 174 will be \$300. The fee for attendees will be \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. It is scheduled for Sunday, February 2nd, 1-6:30 p.m.

The flyer was reviewed and several changes were suggested. It will be submitted for approval at a future meeting.

To accommodate the potential showing of the documentary, Aces and Knaves, the evening side game will be removed for that evening. Currently, the presentation is scheduled for Saturday.

Two nighttime Zip Knockouts will be added to the tournament schedule. Monday and Wednesday have been proposed with a \$10 fee.

It was suggested that the current 3000 table requirement to continue the District's number of tournaments be lowered in light of the trend of decreasing attendance in general nationwide. Paul Cuneo will be contacted regarding this suggestion to move it forward if the ACBL is not already initiating changes in this area.

New Member Recruitment / Retention**All**

A plan for a Recent Retiree Initiative was emailed to the Board by Cindy Cox. In order to form a committee of member volunteers to help with the implementation of this plan, a flyer is being created. A Board Member will be on the committee as a liaison to the BOD. The Unit President will be on the committee, as well.



There was also discussion on more ways to attract new and social players in addition to recent retirees. To further this end, a plan will be proposed in the future. All Board Members were asked to participate.

STaC

No Report.

Sheryl Thomas

GNT

No Report.

Daniel Jackson/Cindy Cox

NAP

No Report.

Daniel Jackson/Clif Rice

Committee Reports

Club Connection

Nancy Guthrie

The next Club Connection proposed will be at Eric Watson's sanctioned game in Sugarland on August 20th. This is yet to be confirmed.

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

All funds, totaling \$760, have been received from the participating clubs for the February 19th and March 15th District charity games benefiting our unit's charity, Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Education

No report.

Betty Starzec

Membership

Catherine Miller

Catherine (not present) has added one volunteer to her committee. She still needs more volunteers for a monthly commitment of an hour or so. Her request and contact information are posted on the Unit 174 home web page.

Intermediate/Newcomer

Cindy Cox

The upcoming tournament will have "Newcomer Hosts" in addition to the I/N table team to assist new players with finding their way around the tournament.

Directory

David Henke

Jack LaVigne emailed a proposal to the Board of how each Unit 174 member can add a profile photo to the online Unit Directory. This will not be a part of the print directory. Detailed instructions will be provided to Unit players. Players will have to send their



picture to BridgeFinesse in order for their picture to be added to the database. This will be at no cost per Jay Whipple of BridgeFinesse. The Unit Webmaster will be making the necessary changes to the database in preparation for the implementation of these plans.

David Henke proposed that the Unit Directory be printed every three to four years, with single sheet annual updates, instead of the current every two years.

Other

Bridge in Schools

Kathleen Malcolmson

The minimum class size has been met and Kathleen Malcolmson will be teaching Introduction to Duplicate Bridge to Summer School students at The Duchesne Academy daily from June 24 – 28.

Bridge as a Sport

Nancy Guthrie

Nancy Guthrie will be representing the Unit 174 Board as she gives a talk on June 11th to the UIL (University Interscholastic League) in Austin. She was helped by many Unit and ACBL members in obtaining the invitation to present and in the presentation itself. Unit 174 deeply appreciates this effort and wishes Nancy the best on June 11th.

Supplies

Clif Rice

Storage bins have been purchased for the I/N supplies that will be placed in storage.

Awards

Sheryl Thomas

Five Life Master plaques were given to Unit members.

New Business

District Report

Kathleen Malcolmson

The next District 16 meeting takes place at the San Antonio Regional July 6th.

Procedure Manual

Lauri Laufman/Kathleen Malcolmson

No report.

Tournament Contracts/Future

Lauri Laufman/Jack LaVigne

It was decided to proceed with negotiations for a contract for the November 2020 Sectional at Arabia Shriner Reception Hall.



Executive Session

The Board did not enter Executive Session.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was made by Nancy Guthrie; seconded by Sheryl Thomas; approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**Next Board Meeting on July 8th, 9:30 a.m. at Tracy Gee Community Center.
*Please note the change.***

The August Board Meeting will be August 8th, 9:30 a.m. at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Malcolmson, Unit 174 Secretary

