



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

June 9, 2021

Zoom Video Conference

Call to Order

Karen Nussbaum

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. Directors in attendance: Karen Nussbaum, Thomas Rush, Clif Rice, Dave Becker, Joyce Gore, Lauri Laufman, Carol Lombardino, Greg May, and Kathy McDougall.

Others present: Gary Hercules (Treasurer), Nancy Strohmer, Paul Cuneo, Nancy Guthrie, and Betty Westbrook

Approval of Minutes

Clif Rice

May minutes emailed to Board, today 06/09/21. Clif recommends approval tabled so board has time for full review, to approve at the next board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The May Financial Statements have been approved by the verifier. Both the April and May Financial Statements will be emailed to the board after the meeting for approval at the next meeting.

Gary summarized that activity was minimal in each April and May. Expenses included renewal of our cloud storage, a payment for supplies warehousing and postage.

Technology Procedures

Greg May

1. Scoring Devices needed for Regionals and Sectionals can be either bridge pads or bridgemates (Bridgemates are slowly becoming obsolete). There are 205 devices available to the Unit from our clubs (177) and District (28) with which we can rent as needed.
2. At a Regional, we will need 258 devices. At a sectional, 117.



3. It was recommended the Unit consider securing 73 devices plus 2 servers at a retail cost of approximately \$13,400 but to wait until after the Fall Sectional to re-evaluate and determine estimated needs (table count) for the Regional. Buying in Bulk may offer discounts over \$140 per pad.

Procedure Manual and Bylaws No report **Lauri Laufman**

ACBL Update No report **Paul Cuneo**

Greg shared that ACBL is making plans to reduce the value of online points and offer upgraded game opportunities to clubs holding face-to-face games.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Charity Report No report **Nancy Strohmer**

I/N-Future Life Master **Greg May**

Graphics and the budget for the Future Life Masters (FLM) Group exhibiting materials was presented. Estimated cost \$780

Motion: That we approve \$780 be spent on the items as outlined.

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

Motion carried

The FLM 0-20 game continues to run smoothly with some good success. Greg thanked Lauri Laufman for the fine work she does running that game. The FLM Mixer Madness will take place on May 17. Betty Westbrook was thanked for her help in creating the graphics for the display items.

In order to further Unit efforts for our current and future members, Lauri suggested the Unit approve funds to secure a Constant Contact and Evite subscription if feedback from members of the FLM group warrant once test versions to try each out have been reviewed.

Motion: That Unit 174 allocate up to \$500 to secure a subscription for up to a year for each a Constant Contact and Evite which will be reviewed in 6-9 months.

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman - Seconded by Greg May.

Motion carried



New Member Recruitment

Kathy McDougall

Efforts for the upcoming Sectional is our focus at this time and there should be ample space for signage

New Business

August 2021 Sectional

Karen Nussbaum

1. Carol reported Dave Glandorf and Sam Khayatt have agreed to speak.
2. Joyce Gore and Brigette Sandifer will be running hospitality and awards. Joyce secured clarification of the procedures for this 4-day sectional for this area.
3. Flyer reviewed, suggested edits agreed upon and once updated will be posted.

Contracts

Dave Becker

Dave is working with the Marriott regarding future Regional contracts at this venue to lock in pricing. Regarding the 2022 Regional, the Marriott has agreed to waive the daily parking charge and fix/replace the chairs. Three years contracts are ready to approve.

It was recommended our attorney review contracts moving forward before signing.

Motion: To approve signatory authority for Dave Becker and Karen Nussbaum to proceed forward for future regional contracts through 2025

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman - Seconded by Greg May.

Motion carried

Delivery company rates have gone up \$5/hour per mover and we will be adding additional insurance coverage at a cost of \$50/use.

Transition from Clif to Dave as supply chair has been finished.
Inventory looks good.

Dave has secured a complimentary hotel block and rates for the August Sectional and will continue to do so moving forward. He is also working with the Shriner volunteer charged with running the concessions to assist in securing goods needed for the planned Taco Thursday along with rest of the weekend. He is working with the concessions to provide \$1 coffee (free refills), combo lunch offerings and snacks for sale.

Wristbands will be provided by Shriners to be used to identify those who've been vaccinated to make it easier for attendees to come and go. Arabia Shrine Center will defer to governing authorities and ACBL Unit 174 as to policies put in place for the



tournament. Karen shared Ryan Weekley, ACBL, Manager Bridge Field Operations advised that ACBL will be releasing updated protocols in early June. She recommended that for the June flyer, it state that protocols will be followed and to check our unit website for updates.

Publicity Chair *No report* **Dave Becker**

Supplies *No report* **Dave Becker**

Dave will provide the delivery company a set of warehouse keys

Awards **Joyce Gore**

The Unit ordered a plaque for new life master Terry McGarrity

GNT **Joyce Gore**

GNT Finals were held in April.

STAC (U174) **Joyce Gore**

Two Unit STaC weeks upcoming. They will be November 1-7 and December 6-12.

NAP **Joyce Gore**

Club NAP qualifiers are running from June through August. No Unit qualifiers. District qualifiers will be held Jan 13-16 in San Antonio, Finals will be held in Reno March 2022.

Education **Kathy McDougall**

Joyce Ryan had 8 tables at her first 0-5 supervised play game at WBA and 5 the second week combined with the 0-20 group. She is starting beginner classes soon in case anyone knows someone interested.

District 16 Beginner series had 90 people online and the recording is on the District 16 website. The Intermediate series will be coming up next Saturday.

Club Manager Report **Lauri Laufman**

Lauri reported that since mid-March we've had at least 4 full tables most weeks in our 0-20 game on Tuesday afternoons. In March/April, the Unit showed a net profit of approximately \$169.

Regarding this game, an option was presented that should the board wish to move the Unit 0-20 game at a future date to one of our clubs operating a Virtual Club, WBA has expressed interest to take it on and run it in the same manner (including game day/time, game fee of \$3, along with continued FLM leadership participation and branding).

After discussion, it was agreed that input from the FLM playing groups should be sought prior to making any changes.



Traditions Senior Living Bridge Game

Karen Nussbaum

Per Nancy Strohmer, Traditions Senior Living having two locations is interested in starting a monthly bridge game and wants to know if the Unit is interested in assisting to get this game started. Since this game may result in increasing membership, Kathy McDougall will follow up with Nancy Strohmer for more information.

Next Board Meeting

Karen Nussbaum

To reconfirm, anticipated July 13 6:30, Zoom.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn

Made by Dave Becker - Seconded by Joyce Gore

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clif Rice,

Unit 174 Secretary

