



ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

June 6, 2022

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to Order

Thomas Rush

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 am. Directors in attendance: Thomas Rush, Clif Rice (via Zoom), Sarah Springer (via Zoom) Karen Nussbaum, Greg May, Charles Dalton, Kathy McDougall, Byron Fackenthal and John Dubose. Others present: Jim Woodward.

Minutes

Clif Rice

The May minutes were not yet available and will be considered at the July meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Thomas Rush

Jim Woodward was present at the Board Meeting to express concerns about the \$190,000 in the treasury which he opined was too much money. He discussed the Units' needs for working capital. The 2020 January regional was well attended and afterwards no tournaments were held due to Covid. At present, the tournaments are losing money and he feels we need to lower entrance fees in order to get more people to attend.

New Treasurer, Steve Gordon is working on the transition and did not have a report for the Board.

Technology Report

no report

Greg May

Tournament Schedules

Thomas Rush

The board is still considering changing the tournament dates from Friday through Sunday to Thursday through Saturday. The issue was brought up at the Sectional Tournament and was not well received by many in attendance.



Committee Reports

I/N-Future Life Master

Greg May/Kathy McDougall

Phase I of the FLM program with on-line games has been successful, and now the focus needs to be face-to-face games. Kathy McDougall is the Recruiting and Retention chair and mentioned Bridge Wiz and Bridge in a Day. She is targeting retirees at Chevron, for example, and the AARP. She is working on a flyer for 0-50 games and 0-20 games.

Website & Information

No report

Carol Winograd

Club Connection

No report

John Dubose

Awards

Karen noted that we have one new Life Master and that she needs the in and out report.

Karen Nussbaum

GNT

No Report

Karen Nussbaum

STAC (U174)

The District STAC (silver points) is scheduled for June 13-16 which is the same weekend as the Unit Club Championship games (enhanced black points) so the date should be moved. Karen will bring up the issue at the District Meeting.

Karen Nussbaum

NAP

The Board needs to encourage people to participate in NAP. There is a subsidy for those who qualify from the District and ACBL so the qualifiers need to be informed of the subsidy to encourage their attendance.

Karen Nussbaum

Supplies

Supplies need to be checked prior to the August sectional.

Clif Rice

The moon pies were a big hit at the Early Summer Sectional. 150 were purchased but we needed 200. Leftover coffee will be given to Unit Clubs. It takes an hour to make the coffee and a new coffee maker is needed.

MOTION: to authorize up to \$200 expenditure to be made for a new coffee maker.

Motion Carried

Karen Nussbaum will investigate and purchase the new coffee maker.

For the Regional tournaments at the Marriott, we must purchase coffee from the hotel.

BCOH has been reimbursed for the lost bridge pad.



Tournament Assignments

Thomas Rush

Greg May and John DuBose will co-chair the August Sectional; Clif Rice and Sarah Springer will co-chair the October Sectional.

Early Summer Sectional

Thomas Rush

\$1500 per day is the cost of the Shriners room which is the same as the Marriott.

Someone needs to be at the event early to direct volunteers. Discussion ensued regarding the 3:00 PM start time for the afternoon games being too late.

MOTION: Greg May moved that the afternoon games should start at 2:30.

Motion Carried.

Discussion was had concerning the abysmally poor Sound System at Shriners and that the air conditioning was too cold. Shriners does allow the temperature to be adjusted but someone should be assigned that task to avoid multiple changes.

Two directors were at the Sectional from out of town, one from Colorado and one from Florida. We had to fly in directors due to the fact that our usual directors were in San Antonio for the San Antonio Sectional tournament which was scheduled at the same time as ours.

Caddies were paid \$90 for Friday and Saturday and \$100 for Sunday.

Motion: Clif Rice moved that the table fees be reduced to \$12.00.

Motion Carried.

It was noted that winners should be given an option on the awards—the \$2 bill or a different prize.

We need to announce at Clubs the dates of the August sectional. There was a discussion of lunch options. Free plays should be offered to volunteers.

Next Board Meeting

Karen Nussbaum

Monday 9:15, July 11, 2022 at Tracy Gee.

Executive Session

Begins 11:06 Ends 11:17

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn



Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Springer, Unit 174 Director, Secretary

