



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
March 2, 2015
Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley Cheatham, president of Unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Directors present were: Bob Armstrong, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Daniel Jackson, Tom Martinsen, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer. Gary Hercules, treasurer for Unit 174, was also present.

Kathy Hughes was absent.

Approval of minutes

Bob Armstrong

Bob had emailed copies of the February minutes to the Board members. There was some discussion and agreement about revising wording about Tom Martinsen's recommendation about replacing the carts and the wording about Rhonda Bryant's resignation.

Motion: That the February Minutes as revised be approved.

The above motion was made by Bill Riley and seconded by Nancy Strohmer. The motion was approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The February treasurer's report was presented by Gary. Gary Hercules had sent it by Email. There was a discussion about the final accounting the 2015 LSR, including resolution of the room charges by the Marriott.

Motion: That the February Treasurer's report be approved.

The above motion was made by Bob Armstrong and seconded by Bill Riley. The motion was approved by all present.

The Verifiers report had been received.



Nothing to report. Paul had asked Beverley to remind the Board that the District Qualifiers for the GNT will be held during the April Sectional using the Rose Garden..

Old Business**Lone Star Regional (2015)****Beverley Cheatham**

With the report of final financials associated with the 2015 LSR, no further reporting is required. A final report will be saved to the Google Drive.

Lone Star Regional (2016)**Beverley Cheatham**

Chuck presented a revised schedule which now included restoring KO's to the schedule. After some discussion, some additional revisions were made.

Motion: That the proposed schedule as revised be approved for submittal to ACBL for final approval.

The above motion was made by Nancy Strohmer and seconded by Bill Riley. The motion was approved by all present.

Bob Armstrong requested that Chuck Ensor check with the ACBL about whether or not Gold Rush Pairs table counts lower the point awards for the KO's so Bob could respond to a concern expressed by Shawn Quinn.

Bill Riley brought up the subject of room availability and asked that we investigate possibilities of additional rooms so that we would not run out. Chuck suggested we discuss the issue with the Marriott in the meeting prior to the tournament.

Beverley informed the Board that Bert Onstott had asked that the Board find another person to print flyers. Bob Armstrong has agreed to assume this duty but would require the purchase of Microsoft Publisher at a cost of \$110.

Motion: That the board grant Bob the approval to purchase Microsoft Publisher.

The above motion was made by Chuck Ensor and seconded by Nancy Strohmer. The motion was approved by all present.

April 2015 Sectional**Nancy/ Chuck**

Nancy reported that she had talked to area restaurants about offering discounts to the bridge players rather than holding drawings for gift cards again. All the people would have to ask for the discount and show a convention card as proof. This would be a benefit to all participants at the tournament rather.

Beverley will ask Bert Onstott to open the website for on-line voting on March 26th through April 20th. She restated the need to negotiate access to the Rose Garden Room for the GNT District Qualifiers.

Beverley then reminded the Board that several items need to be available for the *Annual Meeting*:

- 25 copies of the 2014 Annual Meeting minutes
- 25 Copies of the year-end financial report.
- 25 copies of the proposed By-Law Preamble amendment



November 2016 Sectional

Beverley

Beverley asked that we consider revisiting whether or not to hold the November 2016 Sectional at South Shore. Chuck reminded the Board that we had tabled the discussion awaiting the financial outcome of the 2015 LSR. There was discussion of the pros and cons about the venue.

Motion: That Paul Cuneo be given the authority to negotiate contractual arrangements for using the South Shore prior to committing to hold the November 2016 Sectional at the venue.

The above motion was made by Bob Armstrong and seconded by Daniel Jackson. The motion was approved by all present.

June 2015 Sectional

Bob/TBD

Bob presented a draft of the flyer for the event for Board approval. There was consensus that the \$5 entrée on Friday be removed and the free play for 0-5 remain.

Motion: That the flyer as amended be approved for sending to ACBL for final approval.

The above motion was made by Bill Riley and seconded by Nancy Strohmer. The motion was approved by all present.

Chuck then said that as one of his duties as Tournament Coordinator he would make a final detailed review prior to sending to ACBL.

August 2015 4-Day Sectional

Beverley/TBD

Nothing new to report.

November 2015 Sectional

Daniel/Bill

Daniel reported that he would wait for the revised budget template. He also stated that after review of the submittals for "Name the Event", there was no clear winner.

GNT/NAP, STaC

Tom Martinsen

NAP

Nothing to report

STaC

Nothing to report

GNT

Tom reported that 18 teams played. There were a number of issues discussed about the GNT and the Board took steps to address those issues going forward.

ABA/ACBL Bridge Event

Nancy

Congratulations. Well done event. Well supported. 37 tables. Continue this event next year. A very special thanks to Joyce Gore for the effort she put in.



Supply Cabinets

Tom Martinsen

Chuck Ensor reported that he had investigated the possibility of repair instead of replacement to hold down the cost. He found a handyman who would work for us for \$350 a day, so the estimated cost including his time and materials would run as much as \$700. Tom questioned whether or not the handyman could accomplish very much in a day. Beverley asked for a motion on repairing the carts.

Motion: That the Board approve \$700 to engage the handyman to make the necessary repairs

Motion was made by Chuck Ensor, seconded by Bob Armstrong. The motion failed by a vote of 2 for and 5 against.

The discussion then moved to the replacement option.

Motion: That the Board approve \$3,000 to replace four carts as presented by Tom Martinsen in the February Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Daniel Jackson and seconded by Nancy Strohmer. The motion carried by a vote of 5 for and 2 against.

The discussion then moved to replacing table mats, boards and cards. The discussion centered around using the April Sectional to research if these problems really warrant doing something.

Replacement

Beverley Cheatham

Bob Dowlen has agreed to serve as Reporter.

Areas of Interest

Group

Bill Riley commented that since March was a busy month, the only outreach event could be visiting Kingwood on Wednesday March 25th. A tentative date of May 1st was suggested for Clear Lake

Senior Team Trials

Group

Initial feedback from various people who have either participated or helped in organization of such an event emphasizes the amount of work involved in holding team trials. Shawn Quinn had suggested organizing a committee to look into the possibility of hosting. Beverley asked for volunteers. Daniel Jackson, Bob Armstrong and Bill Riley agreed to serve as the committee.



New Business

New Member Subsidies

Daniel Jackson

Daniel presented the concept of paying the first year of ACBL. He had canvased several teachers who were uncertain about the effect of doing this. Chuck Ensor pointed out we already give beginners the opportunity to play in tournaments at no cost. Various clubs also give cost incentives for new players. The general consensus was we could use the money elsewhere with better benefit.

Executive Session

Beverley requested a motion for moving to Executive Session

Motion: That the normal session be closed and the Board move to Executive Session.

Motion was made by Bob Armstrong, seconded by Bill Riley and approved by all present.

The board was in executive session for 15 minutes.

Future Board Meetings

The next UNIT Board meeting will be held on Monday April 6, 2015 at 9:30 AM at Tracy G.

Adjourn

Beverley asked for agreement to adjourn the meeting which was given by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Armstrong, Secretary

