



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

March 6, 2023

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to Order

Kathleen McDougall

President Kathleen McDougall brought the meeting to order at 9:17 AM. Present at the meeting were Kathleen McDougall, Karen Nussbaum, Clif Rice, Steve Gordon, Greg May, Charles Dalton, Thomas Rush, Byron Fackenthal and Sarah Springer. Nancy Stohmer was also present, and Janice Hardcastle attended as a guest. Bridget Sandifer joined the meeting in progress. Joyce Gore also entered the meeting briefly.

Approval of Minutes

Sarah Springer

SS presented minutes from **February 6, 2023** which had previously been circulated via email to the Board. CR made motion to approve the February 6 minutes, CD seconded and all were in favor. Also presented were the minutes from the **February 27, 2023** Zoom meeting. KN moved to approve the minutes, CR seconded and all were in favor. **MINUTES for the 2/6/23 and 2/27/23 were APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report

Steve Gordon

Treasurer Steve Gordon presented the profit and loss report from the LSR, showing a loss of \$10,158.86. He stated that there is currently \$129,000 in the bank, and a few items are still outstanding on the tournament.

Technology

Greg May

GM announced that SG is now the administrator of our Box account, and he is staying on as a backup. TR volunteered to manage the Board's group email accounts. A new Tournament Coordinator will also be needed, and noted that he had already sent in the sanction for the I/N Regional in August. TR will consider taking over this responsibility.

Procedure Manual

Clif Rice



CR stated he is continuing to work on the updates to the Policies and Procedures Manual.

District Update

Betty Starzec

KN emailed to the Board a report from the District prior to the meeting.

Club Connection

John DuBose

The next Club Connection game will be in Bryan, Texas on March 31. Several Board members plan to attend. The May Club Connection will tentatively be in LaGrange.

Club Manager Report

Greg May

No report.

Supplies and Warehouse

Clif Rice

CR requested assistance to terminate one of the storage units.

The supplies will be delivered to Shriners for the April Tournament on April 12, and setup will begin April 13 at 9:00 AM.

CR noted that someone needs to take over Supplies and Warehouse from him.

Committee Reports

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

NS stated that she was hoping for a good turnout for the March charity games. She noted that we are the only District with a dedicated Charity Chair and that we have been supporting charities for eighteen years. KN thanked NS for all of her hard work in this regard.

I/N /Future Life Masters

Kathleen McDougall, Greg May

KM stated that the FLM teacher workshop was well attended and the program is highly successful. She recognized the success Joyce Ryan is having with the Boost Program. GM noted that the virtual games were also going very well, with four full tables consistently. He stated the program is an ongoing success and recognized the efforts of Mary Ellen Vail.

Education

Kathy McDougall

KM stated that Joyce Ryan should be recognized for her success in running the Boost program. She has over 100 students and her performance is phenomenal.

New Member Recruitment

Charles Dalton



KM stated that although the Board's stated purpose is to run tournaments, we need to give more focus and attention to new member recruitment and member retention. GM stated that growing and maintaining membership is just as important as running tournaments. TR stated that we need to get reports from people working on the In and Out reports (making telephone calls), encourage them to attend meetings and we also need to recognize them. KM opined that we need to develop a task force of volunteers and that we need to ask for people to help. She plans to discuss the need of members to help in this regard at the Annual Meeting and ask for people to stand up and volunteer.

Member Communication

Allison Ochsner and Evvie Gilbert

Our webmaster and newsletter editors continue to do a fabulous job.

NAP/GNT

Karen Nussbaum

KN noted that the \$100 subsidy is paid to our participants after they return from the competition.

Awards

Karen Nussbaum

KN plans to mail the current Life Master plaques.

April Election Sectional tournament

Charles Dalton and Clif Rice

CD and CR noted that the flyer has been updated and is on the website. Voting will cease at the commencement of the morning game on Saturday so that the results can be tallied prior to the annual meeting which takes place after the morning session. Online voting will take place from 3/6/2023 to 4/11/2023.

CR is still revising the budget to reflect the elimination of the complimentary lunch on Sunday. The Ladies of the Nile will sell sandwiches Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and will also sell coffee as part of their fundraising efforts. There will be an honor system for sodas and coffee when the Ladies of the Nile are unavailable as they have a meeting on Sunday afternoon. Water will be available at no charge. The lunches will cost \$10. KN will bring the coffee supplies on Thursday and the Ladies of the Nile will shop for what is needed beyond our supplies.

NS volunteered to send a Robly message out about a week before voting closes and requested that KN send a draft to her with the specifics.

The continuation of Naming from the LSR was discussed, and BS suggested that the honorees should be mentioned in the opening announcements each day. TR will obtain a poster for the honorees.

KN stated that the issues with the directory are still being worked on.

BS reported that there are continuing problems with the bridge pads and her inquiries are not answered as the company is up for sale. GM stated that the Clear Lake Club has moved to Bridge Mates and may have bridge pads available to supplement.



CR discussed cash needs. SG will bring \$800 cash, KM will bring the \$2 bills left over from the LSR tournament which will be more than adequate for the prizes at the Sectional.

KM will set up the entry express with ACBL.

KM is preparing a powerpoint for the annual meeting. SG will give the Treasurer's annual report.

Galveston Tournament

No report.

Future Sectionals

The June Sectional will be chaired by TR and JD. The August Sectional will be chaired by BF and SS. It was noted that the June flyers should be available at the April Sectional.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by CD. KN seconded. All were in favor.

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Springer, Unit 174 Board Secretary

