



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

March 4, 2024

### Tracy Gee Community Center Closed Alternate Site K. Nussbaum residence

#### Call to Order

Karen Nussbaum

President Karen Nussbaum brought the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Board members present at the meeting were Charles Dalton, John Eric Watson, Sarah Springer, Hallie Eads, John Du Bose, Nile Gross, Steve Gordon, and Paddy Fiorino. TR was connected via telephone. Dave Becker was absent from the meeting. Also attending was Marty Hrachovy.

#### Approval of minutes

Sarah Springer

SS motioned that the minutes for the 1/29/24 board meeting which had been previously distributed to the BOD via email be approved. NG seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the board and minutes for 1/29/24 **Were Approved**.

#### Treasurer's Report

Steve Gordon

SG stated there was approximately \$124,000 in Wells Fargo and Vanguard accounts. He stated money would be shifted back into the Vanguard accounts now that LSR bills have been paid. SG stated that higher expenses were noted at the LSR this year. KN stated that table count totals remain less than pre-Covid levels. SG and KN discussed raising table fees in the future; KN stated this needs to be in a mid-price range compared with other regional tournaments. Changing tournament start times will also be considered to improve participation. SG stated he is still awaiting funds from one vendor; KN will follow-up with that vendor. \$1800 has been received from the vendors to date. SG stated that ACBL funds for the LSR online games have been received.



SG questioned the status of the \$500 deposit previously paid to a magician for fall of 2024. KN will check the contract and advise the board. \$200 total of 2 dollar bills were given today by SG to HE for the upcoming tournament. SG stated the unit received approximately \$5000 for the event naming at the LSR and the board expressed its gratitude to Jane Armstrong for her hard work making the event so successful.

### **Election sectional update**

**Karen Nussbaum**

SS stated she has followed up with the unit webmaster re: online voting issues for the upcoming election sectional. Online voting is available 3/5-4/3 and in-person voting is available 4/5 only. Rick will be making boards and caddy for the sectional. Both Joe Quinn and Mike Doyle have inquired about having their children caddy for the tournament. CD will follow-up with Joe Quinn re: his daughter's availability. KN will follow-up with Mike Doyle. CD verified that Daughters of the Nile will have box lunches available. Food truck options have been tabled at this time. KN will make reservations for the directors at the Towne Place Suites by Marriott. The proposed budget for the sectional was presented by CD. It was noted that \$2000 for a provided Sunday lunch is not needed anymore. SS made a motion to approve the budget with the \$2000 omitted; motion was seconded by JW. The motion was passed by the board. KN requested assistance with the PowerPoint presentation needed for the sectional. SG will edit last year's presentation. JW stated he was very comfortable with PowerPoint and will be happy to assist. CD stated that 300 more flyers are needed and KN will order.

### **Executive Session**

### **Club Manager Report**

**Karen Nussbaum**

The February club manager report is not available for this meeting.

### **Policy & Procedural Manual**

**Sarah Springer**

SS requested that board members review the online Policy & Procedure manual and report needed changes. There remains numerous outdated areas with caddies and pay structure. The board discussed that several areas are suitable for "to be determined at the board's discretion prior to the next tournament" to prevent continual changes/updates.

### **Technology**

**Thomas Rush**

E-mail lists of board members are currently correct.



**Old Business****Karen Nussbaum**

KN stated there is one proposed by-law change to be presented at the annual meeting. She stated there are 9 elected BOD members. The Secretary and Treasurer can be appointed positions. The by-law change recognizes that these appointed positions (if utilized) are nonvoting board members.

**Club Connection****Sarah Springer**

SS stated that HE will assume this role after the upcoming election sectional.

**October 2024 Sectional****Karen Nussbaum**

KN stated she has been contacted by a Woodlands area rep who is checking into cheaper hotel sites for the board. (The Marriott quote was \$209/night). KN stated that the Shriners remains an option. DB is not present today to discuss other pending options.

**Tournament Contracts- Shriners****Karen Nussbaum**

KN stated Shriener contracts have been signed through 2025.

**Marriott Contracts****Karen Nussbaum**

KN stated that contracts have been signed though 2025. A recent fire at the Marriott has delayed further discussions at this time.

**FLM****Karen Nussbaum**

There is an upcoming FLM Sunday game planned at the Shriner facility.

**Education****Charles Dalton**

No new issues identified.

**StaC, NAP, GNT****Karen Nussbaum**

GNT (flights B and Championship) is scheduled for the April sectional. JW stated he has received proofs for several New Life Master plaques but the year was incorrect.



Crown Trophy was notified of needed changes to the proofs.

**Lone Star Regional final comments**

**Karen Nussbaum**

KN noted that future Mini-Soloway events will be labeled "at the director's discretion" on the flyer. She stated that the directors will not vary from the printed flyer. KN also stated that the directors want the unit to use Bridgemates at all upcoming tournaments. The unit will be contacting the Clear Lake and other local clubs as indicated to rent the needed devices for future tournaments. KN will order additional decks of cards prior to the upcoming tournament.

**Upcoming Board meeting dates**

**Karen Nussbaum**

Scheduled April meetings are April 1 and 8. The May board meeting is May 6 with the Annual Special Meeting currently scheduled for May 13.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn** made by SG. SS seconded. All were in favor.

***Motion carried***

***The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Paddy Fiorino, Unit 174 Board Secretary*

