



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

**MARCH 3, 2014**

### Tracy Gee Community Center

#### Call to order

**Chuck Ensor**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am. Directors present were: Beverley Cheatham, Paul Cuneo, Chuck Ensor, Joyce Gore, Kathy Hughes, Tom Martinsen, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer. Jim Woodward, treasurer, was present. Errol LeCesne was absent.

#### Approval of minutes

**Bill Riley**

**Motion: That the February Minutes distributed by Email be approved.**

The motion was made by Paul, seconded by Joyce and approved by all present.

#### Treasurer's Report

**Chuck Ensor / Jim Woodward**

Jim Woodward had sent the report via Email prior to meeting. A hard copy was distributed at the meeting. Several highlights were discussed: The LSR shows a profit of ~\$18000. There was a \$2,900 charge for STAC on this year's books from the STAC in 2013.

**Motion: That the January Treasurer's report be approved.**

The motion was made by Paul, seconded by Joyce and approved by all present.

#### 2014 Budget Approval

**Chuck Ensor / Jim Woodward**

Jim Woodward presented a 2014 budget which had been distributed by Email for review prior to meeting. Several areas were discussed. The large carts for the tables need to be replaced and \$3,000 should be budgeted for replacement. Since the balance of \$100000 in bank is above the Unit target, the board has agreed to give back to the members by having \$5 entry fees for several events at 2014 unit sectionals. The budget will be adjusted accordingly.

**Motion: That the 2014 Budget be approved as amended**

The motion was made by Paul, seconded by Bill and approved by all present.

#### District Report

**Paul Cuneo**



There was no district meeting since the last report in February. There was discussion about clarifying the GNT schedule at the April sectional. Nancy Strohmer is now the new district Charity Committee chair.

## Old Business

### 2015 LSR

**Beverley Cheatham**

The flyer has been sent to the ACBL and approved. Bill and Nancy Riley will be partnership chairs. There was discussion of the schedule. None of ZIP KOs made in 2014 – the board agreed to have only one scheduled on Friday night. There was discussion about the team games at night. Minor adjustments were suggested for the flyer. The board agreed to make the first Monday night as a charity game.

Hospitality chair is still pending. There was discussion about disseminating the flyer at Dallas Nationals, Gatlinburg Regionals and later to some tournaments in Canada and the northern tournaments.

**Motion: That the 2015 flyer / schedule be approved as amended**

The motion was made by Paul, seconded by Joyce and approved by all present.

**Motion: That the Board go into executive session.**

The motion was made by Bill, seconded by Nancy and approved by all present. **See minutes at end.**

Joyce Gore excused herself from the meeting after the executive session to set up her game at Tracey Gee.

### ABA/ACBL Championship Game

**Nancy Strohmer**

Nancy thanked Joyce for the outstanding job in running the ABA/ACBL Championship game on March 1st.

There were 3 ½ tables from the ABA and a total of 38 tables. The ABA leadership was very happy about the event and wanted to hold this event every year. The board agreed to proceed with making an arrangement for next year.

### GNT

**Tom Martinsen / Paul Cuneo**

Attendance was up from last year. With supplying the meal, we lost ~\$300.

### Bridge in Schools / Education Liaison

**Errol Lecesne**

No report – The Unit Board will ask Errol to continue with his efforts after his tenure on the board is over in April. The board will support his efforts.

### Unit Sponsored Lessons

**Chuck Ensor**

No news – still waiting for proposal from Shawn Quinn.

### Membership Attraction & Retention

**All**

The ABA event was successful at attracting several new members.



## 2014 I/N Sanctions / Unit Championships

Bill Riley

Bill reported that there are still 3 championship sanctions available for next year. There is still one I/N tournament still not scheduled. Bill reported that in 2015 all of the Unit 174 sectionals compete with another sectional in District 16 and the August sectional is scheduled the first weekend of the ACBL Nationals.

Chuck asked Bill to resend the conflicting schedules and Paul to review with the Marriott the possibility of moving the August tournament.

## Whirlwind Bridge

Beverley reported on her progress after contacting several other people who have held the event in the past. The date will be Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Nancy will send out info to club managers and teachers through Constant Contact.

## April Election Sectional

Paul Cuneo and Kathy Hughes

Paul reported that the event is ready.

## June Sectional

Nancy Strohmmer

The flyer and schedule was distributed by Email prior to the meeting. There will be a \$5 entry fee event on Friday night.

**Motion: That the schedule, flyer and budget for June sectional be approved.**

The motion was made by Paul, seconded by Bill and approved by all present.

## August Sectional

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley presented the schedule at the last meeting. There will be a charity event. The board agreed to provide rooms for the various chairs because of length of the tournament. There was a discussion of a need to determine how lunch will be handled with the increased crowds. The board discussed the design and light font on the flyer and make the "4 day" more prominent.

**Motion: That the flyer for August sectional be approved subject to some changes.**

The motion was made by Paul, seconded by Nancy and approved by all present.

## November Sectional

Chuck Ensor

Chuck distributed the schedule to be reviewed.

**Motion: That the schedule for November sectional be approved.**

The motion was made by Paul, seconded by Bill and approved by all present.

## Humble Sectional 2015

Paul Cuneo

Paul reported that he has had some positive discussion with the Racetrack. The racetrack would like a different date. Possibly switch to August and move the October tournament to the Marriott.

## Flyer Distribution

Nancy Strohmmer

Nancy presented a proposal for the distribution of flyers for the tournaments. The board agreed upon the following:

Lone Star Regional – 2 printings - March 1000 – June 2000



April Sectional – December 1000  
June Sectional – March 1000  
August Sectional – May 1000  
October Sectional – August 1000  
NAP – May 500  
GNT – October 500

## Procedures

All

No discussion.

## Future Meeting Dates

Chuck Ensor

The board established the dates for the future meetings in 2014. The time and site of the meetings are to be determined.

Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>
Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	

The annual planning meeting will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Tracey Gee.

## New Business

### District Charity

Nancy Strohmer

The Nancy updated the board. This is a district function and activity.

### Annual Meeting

Chuck Ensor

Chuck reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Chuck will distribute his presentation to the board for comments before the meeting. Steve Reichek and John Du Bose have requested time to speak.

## Executive Session

The board was in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss an Ethics complaint sent to the Unit about the behavior of one of the members of Unit 174 at the NAP event in San Antonio. The Unit Board wanted to be sure that the Unit has jurisdiction of an event at the NAP.

**Motion: That the matter be referred to Unit 174 Ethics Committee if the ACBL agrees that Unit 174 has the jurisdiction to do so.**

The motion was made by Bill, seconded by Paul and approved by all present.

**Motion: That we adjourn from the executive session..**

The motion was made by Paul, seconded by Joyce and approved by all present.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Bridge Club of Houston.

## Adjourn

**Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.**



The motion was seconded and approved at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Riley, Secretary

