



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

May 7, 2018

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Nancy S.

Nancy Strohmer called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Directors in attendance: Nancy Strohmer, Ken Hudson, Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Lauri Laufman, Betty Starzec, Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, and Sheryl Thomas. Also present, Treasurer Gary Hercules.

Welcome New Board Members

Nancy S.

Nancy Strohmer warmly welcomed the new Board Members: Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, and Sheryl Thomas.

Election of Officers

Nancy S.

Board officers were each nominated, seconded, discussed, voted on, and approved as follows:

President: Ken Hudson

Vice President: (Two nominations were named: Daniel Jackson and Lauri Laufman). Lauri Laufman was voted upon as the 2018-2019 Vice President.

Secretary: Nancy Guthrie

Approval of Minutes

Ken

The April meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board

Motion – That the April Minutes be approved as corrected.



The motion was made by Betty Starzec; seconded by David Henke and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report:

Gary

The March Treasurer's report was presented for final approval.

Motion – That the March Treasurer's report be approved.

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman, seconded by Betty Starzec, and approved by all.

The April Treasurer's report was presented for final approval.

Motion – That the April Treasurer's report be approved.

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman, seconded by Jack LaVigne, and approved by all.

Comments from the Treasurer: The ABA/ACBL Tournament had 27.5 tables with a profit of \$347. One half of this profit goes to the ACBL; one half to ABA. Check was given to Sheryl Thomas to present to the ABA.

33 GNT players ate lunch which will be reimbursed by the District. GNT is totally funded by District.

Nancy Strohmer commended Gary on his financial presentation at the Annual Meeting.

District Report:

Nancy S

No report. Next meeting will be July 7th after which a report will be given..

Old Business

Election Sectional

Lauri/Nancy G

We had 680.5 tables versus 750 last year.

The 5 comment cards received reflected: A dislike for the Stratified Swiss format on Sunday, a request for more chocolate, and asking why do we have to buy lunch on



Sunday. Others shared with Board members that they did not enjoy the stratified format with all players lumped together; there wasn't enough coffee on Saturday morning; and the hospitality event Friday night was nice.

Lauri confirmed that there was a snafu with the complimentary coffee service provided at this event being pulled by the Marriott prior to game start on Saturday and that extra coffee was provided on Sunday as a result.

Lauri further complimented the following with their assistance at the Sectional: Joyce Ryan and Dr Rob Burrige (0-5 Game); Connie Conover and Cris Emmons (Hospitality); Laura Chandler (I/N); and Carmen Keys (Partnership).

Lauri commended the Marriott staff on their manning the lunch process. Overall, comments seemed very positive except for the team game stratification on Sunday (lesson learned).

The Big Switcheroo Sectional

Ken

Prior to the meeting, Daniel Jackson emailed comments that said that everything is in good spade for the tournament.

Kathleen Malcolmson was named as co-chair of the June Sectional.

August Sectional

David/Betty

Scheduling options were presented by David and Betty. After discussion, the schedule and budget were approved. David further explained that the 2:30 pm Friday stratified pairs/team game previously discussed at the last Board Meeting will be scored by MPs and not IMPs.

Fall Sectional

Dates will be Nov 16-18, 2018 with Nancy Guthrie and Jack LaVigne as Chairs.

New Member Recruitment / Retention

Ken

There was no formal report. However, Ken emphasized that we always want to focus on new member recruitment and retention.

LSR 2019 Schedule

Ken

Dates will be Feb 4-10, 2019 with Ken Hudson and Lauri Laufman as Chairs.

Committee Reports

Club Connection

Nancy G.



Nancy alerted all that since we are having 2 sectionals so close together that we would not do a Club Connection until the middle/latter part of June. Location: TBD

Charity Report

Nancy S.

The following report was submitted prior to the meeting by Nancy:

2018 Unit 174 Charity games will be held as follows:

Monday, December 10 – ACBL grassroots

Wednesday, December 12 – Unit 174 designated charity

Thursday, December 13 – ACBL grassroots

Friday, December 14 – Unit 174 designated charity

The Unit Charity as selected by the Board for 2017 was SEARCH.

Request: That the Board select the designated charity for 2018 so that the charity games in December will benefit the chosen charity. SEARCH may remain as the choice or a different one may be chosen. Once the selection is made, Nancy Strohmer will advise the club managers so that they can promote the games.

SEARCH was discussed as the 2019 Charity Recipient.

Motion – That SEARCH be approved as the Unit 2019 Charity Recipient.

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman, seconded by Sheryl Thomas, and approved by all.

Marriott Contracts for 2021 & 2022

Nancy S.

The Marriott Contracts will be negotiated by Paul Cuneo, our contract negotiator.

ABA/ ACBL Pairs Championship Game

Ken

Reference notes from Treasurer's Report: Event was April 7th. The ABA/ACBL Tournament had 27.5 tables with a profit of \$347. One half of this profit goes to the ACBL; one half to ABA. Check was given to Sheryl Thomas to present to the ABA.

Bridge in Schools

Nancy G.

Joe Giovannangeli and Dianna Gittelman will meet May 10th to wordsmith “bridge as a sport” concept. Nancy Strohmer is to continue to talk with the TASA to acquire the proper name(s) with whom to further the project. Betty Starzec is to speak with the ACBL Educational Foundation to request additional assistance.



New Storage Bins Purchase**Ken**

Carpenter is to assess and make minor repairs to the blue bins to potentially extend their life expectancy. Wendy Sullivan has been contacted to purchase 20 new stanchions. Ken is to check with Kevin regarding new clocks. There will be new pencil sharpeners at the next Sectional along with new guide cards. Pricing for metal bins is being evaluated.

USBF Open Team Trials in Houston**Nancy S.**

There is a need for VuGraph volunteers. The Hospitality slots are filled.

Open vs Invitational Games**David**

There are 3 clubs currently under discussion in this category. The question asked by David was: Does the Board want someone to contact ACBL to determine if these clubs' reservation practices qualify them as "open"? The Board unanimously agreed that David Henke and Ken Hudson should work together to make the call to ACBL.

New Business**Board Assignments****Ken**

Ken announced the following Board Assignments:

Supplies: Jack LaVigne

I/N: Kathleen Malcolmson

GNT/NAP: David Henke

Caddy Chair: Sheryl Thomas

Education Liason: Betty Starzec

Publicity Chair: Ken Hudson

Hospitality Chair: Nancy Guthrie

STAC: Lauri Laufman

Sanctions: Daniel Jackson

Charity: Nancy Strohmer

Awards: Sheryl Thomas

ABA/ACBL: Lauri Laufman

Club Connection: Nancy Guthrie

Flyer Distribution: Kathleen Malcolmson



May 2018-April 2019 Meeting Schedule: Lauri

May 21 - Annual Planning Meeting

June 4

Early Summer (Big Switcheroo) Sectional June 8-10

July 9 - *Evening Meeting

August 6

Late Summer Sectional Aug 9-12

September 10

October 1 - *Evening Meeting

November 5

Fall Sectional Nov 16-18

December 3

January 7 - *Evening Meeting

Lone Star Regional February 4-10

February 3 - *along w LSR set-up

March 4

Election Sectional April 5-7

April 8 - *Evening Meeting

Juniors/Student Discounts

All

“The majority would like to see a tournament student entry fee of \$5 and the Unit 174 age limit for Juniors consistent with ACBL which is 26.” The above quantifier was voted upon by email prior to this meeting.



Executive Session

A motion was made and approved to go into Executive Session.

The Board spent 4 minutes in Executive Session.

A motion to end Executive Session was made and approved by all.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 11:38 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Guthrie, Unit 174 Secretary

