



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

May 8, 2023

### Tracy Gee Community Center

#### Call to Order

Karen Nussbaum

President Karen Nussbaum brought the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Present at the meeting were Thomas Rush, Charles Dalton, John DuBose, Paddy Fiorino, Steve Gordon, Nile Gross, Dave Becker, and Siraj Jiwani. Sarah Springer was present via zoom call. Also present was Nancy Strohmer. Antoun Henri was absent from the meeting.

#### Approval of minutes

Paddy Fiorino

PF presented minutes from the April 17, 2023 meeting which had been previously circulated via email to the board. SS moved that the minutes be approved, NS seconded, and all were in favor. **Minutes for the 4/17, 2023 meeting were APPROVED.**

#### Treasurer's Report

Steve Gordon

SG reported checkbook balance of approximately \$133,000.00 as of 4/30/23. YTD 2023 loss for all activities is \$8700.00 at this time most of which is due to the regional expenses. Additional funds include \$902.00 for Charity funds, and approximately \$1100.00 in 2 dollar bills for future use. The current profit from the last sectional is about \$2400.00 pending additional unbilled expenses. SG reported the move to a smaller storage unit has been completed with savings of about \$100/month. SG stated he has unit bills coming to his home and he will create a list of these accounts for Box for unit reference pending changes in the treasurer position. SG requested board members look at the Check register and contact him with questions about expenses as indicated. TR made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by JD and then was passed by the board.



**Technology****Karen Nussbaum**

KN noted that spam emails directed to unit members continue to be an issue and that individual club directors have been asked to address this before the games. TR will contact webmaster Allison to explore feasibility of changing the format of web addresses so that spoofing efforts will be more difficult. KN reported that a microphone belonging to the Shriner's facility has been misplaced and needs to be located or replaced prior to the next sectional. DB and TR will conduct a sound test prior to the next sectional to address reported quality issues.

**Procedure Manual and Bylaws****Sarah Springer**

SS is addressing.

**Club Connection, Other Tourneys****Karen Nussbaum**

The board discussed the next location for club connection and SS will set up a date for BCOH with an every other month location planned. Clear Lake will be the next site. SS is currently working on formatting of the August sectional flyers.

**Club Manager Report****Karen Nussbaum**

KM received an email from Greg May with the FLM online table totals as follows: 2021-171; 2022- 207; 2023- 61.

**Tournament Contracts****Dave Becker**

KN and DB discussed that a contract is in place for year 2024 with Shriner's. Future Shriner contracts are expected to increase. DB and KN will attempt to set up the 2025 and 2026 contracts this fall. KN reports the 2024 October sectional in Bryan/College Station is awaiting the football game schedule. DB made a motion that a fully refundable contract be submitted; seconded by TR. Motion passes. DB will begin checking into lodging options in Bryan. CD reported traffic issues on the Friday afternoon sectional. DB will check into traffic control options or possibly changing start time for the Friday sectional events.

**Charity****Nancy Strohmer**

NS reports current charity totals of \$902. Additional incoming funds of approximately \$500.00 is undergoing collection efforts.



**Tradition****Karen Nussbaum**

There was a board discussion of a social game in Tradition facilities. The board decided not to pursue this at this time.

**I/N Coordination****Sarah Springer**

SS will follow-up in discussion with a liaison for board meetings.

**Publicity Chair****Thomas Rush**

The board discussed possibly setting up a Face Book page for the unit; TR will follow-up.

**STAC****Karen Nussbaum**

Royal STAC games are this week.

**June Sectional****Thomas Rush**

TR is working on adjusting the sandwich count numbers. He is working with Shriner's on selling muffins and fruit in the am and a limited number of veggie sandwiches available for lunches. The board addressed afternoon snacks and proposed changes to healthy snacks or discontinuing the snacks. CD made a motion for fruit (apples, bananas) to be available at the hospitality table with a liability disclaimer. Fruit and sodas will be available within budget limits as determined by the chairman coordinator. DB seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-3. TR and JD will look for vendors. The unit will continue to provide bottled water for the tournaments. There will be a table setting up to promote The Longest Day activities at the sectional.



**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn** made by TR. NG seconded. All were in favor.

***Motion carried***

***The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Paddy Fiorino, Unit 174 Board Secretary*

