



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

November 1, 2010

Houston Bridge Studio

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Paul Cuneo-President, Bob Dowlen-Vice-President, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor, Jolie Hess, Kathy Hughes, Karen Nimmons, Robert Reichek and Joyce Ryan.

Also present for part of the meeting was Jim Woodward – Treasurer.

Minutes of Month board meeting

Secretary

The minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting were approved by on-line poll.

Treasurer's Report

Jim

Month Financials

Jim Woodward submitted preliminary financial statements dated November 1, 2010. The November statement reported for the October Sectional table fees of \$22,680. Not all expenses for the sectional have been reported.

Jim reported that it would be necessary to cash in one of the Unit's CD's to replenish the checking account to meet necessary expenses by the end of the year.

Motion was made that the Treasurer would cash in the \$13,800 CD.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer reports

The motion was seconded and approved.

District Report

In Bert Onstott's absence Paul reported that the table count for tournaments during the year 2010 was 6,906. This was a 13.5% increase over the previous year.



Old Business

Education Report

Joyce

Joyce reported that she is preparing a handbook for distribution to teachers at the upcoming Regional during the Teachers Appreciation Day. Joyce also reported that her November Novice Newsletter will feature the Regional and events for winning Gold points.

2011 Regional

Paul

Paul reported that speakers would be scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday before each 3:00 pm session. The Director's course has been cancelled. Karen Nimmons has been named Chairperson for the event naming. The Board discussed the pros and cons of offering concession stands at the Regional tournament. No motion was made to change the plan to provide free coffee as advertised on the Regional flyer.

October Sectional Report

Karen/ Beverley

Karen reported a total of 526 tables at the tournament an increase of 63 ½ tables over last year, a 13.7 % increase. It was suggested that there be a review of the hotel accommodations available in that area.

NAP/GNT

Robert

The qualifying games for the NAP will be held Saturday, November 13th for flight B and Sunday, November 14th at the Houston Bridge Studio for flights A & C. The players that have qualified are listed on the Unit 174 website.

Supplies

Robert/Chuck

Chuck reported that there would be a year end inventory taken of the supplies. Plans are to replace some card tables and guide cards. Also all supplies would be replenished before the Regional tournament. Chuck will also purchase a handcart for use during tournaments.

Awards

Karen

Karen reported that the Mini-McKenney Medallions have been ordered that will be given out during the April Election Sectional in 2011.

Clear Lake Sites

Chuck/Bob

A cost comparison was made of the South Shore Harbour Hotel versus the Humble location. It was decided to consider the Clear Lake site for the year of 2012.

Unit Calendar

Jolie

Jolie reported that the date for the GNT had to be changed from February 6, 2011 to February 13, 2011 due to conflict with Super Bowl Sunday. Sanction numbers have been posted on the Unit website.

Social Bridge Event

Beverley

The Social Bridge Event was held at Bridge Club of Houston on October 25, 2011 with 26 new players attending. Norm and Joyce Gautier greeted the players, held an hour introduction and instruction to duplicate bridge. A sanctioned bridge game followed with 6 tables of players attending complete with "fifth seats". Results were announced and prizes were given. Some of the players attended a 99r game on the following Wednesday and four players joined ACBL.



New Business

Holiday Parties

Paul

Paul initiated discussion of sponsoring Holiday parties at local clubs during the month of December. The Board decided to give a subsidy of \$10 per table. For clubs that have multiple sanctioned games it was decided that the club is allowed reimbursement for one daytime game, one nighttime game and one novice game. These parties must be held during regularly scheduled sanctioned games. Receipts for expenses from each club will be required for reimbursement and turned in no later than January 31, 2011.

April & June Sectional

Paul

Paul presented the schedules for the April and June Sectionals

Motion was made to accept the schedules for the April and June Sectional.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Bridge in Schools

Paul

Paul reported that Bridgette Sandifer had resigned as Bridge in Schools coordinator. Errol Le Cesne has consented to take her place as coordinator.

Directory

Paul

After discussion it was decided to have a new directory printed in time to distribute during the Regional in January, 2011.

Future meeting dates

Paul

Paul suggested the following dates for future Board meetings: December 6th, January 3rd, February 7th, March 7th and April 4th. The dates were approved by the Board.

Kathy Hughes proposed the purchase of a Polaroid camera for use during the Regional tournament for I/N pictures.

Motion was made to purchase the Polaroid Pogo camera for \$69.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Future Meeting dates

The next board meeting will be December 6th.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.



The motion was seconded and approved at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Beverley Cheatham

Secretary

