



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

November 6, 2017

### Tracy Gee Community Center

#### Call to order

Ken

Nancy Strohmer called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Directors present: Nancy Strohmer, Ken Hudson, Lauri Laufman, Dianna Gittelman, Daniel Jackson, John Caudill, Nancy Guthrie and David Henke. Also present, Treasurer Gary Hercules and Kathleen Malcolmson.

#### Approval of minutes

Lauri

The October meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board

**Motion – That the October Minutes be approved.**

The motion was made by Dianna, seconded by John and approved by all.

#### Treasurer's Report

Gary

No report was presented for approval. Gary is waiting on the Marriott, Hilton, Speedy Printing and Diligent in order to complete the October financials.

#### Old Business

##### 2017 October Sectional

Dianna/David

Dianna is pleased to report a final table count of 431. Although a final accounting has not yet been secured; at present this event is showing an estimated loss of around \$700. In light of the fact that this sectional was at a new location and competed with the World Series, a Regional at Sea and a Sectional in Richardson, the overall outcome was outstanding.

Response to the venue from those attending was overwhelmingly positive. Comments included ease of getting there, excellent parking, dining options on property and that the rooms were nice (31 rooms were utilized in our block).



## 2018 LSR

Nancy S/Ken

Things are proceeding according to plan with printing needs, securing speakers, and determining hospitality events.  
Nancy and Ken will be having their pre-LSR planning meeting with the Marriott next Monday.

## LSR Big Texan Pairs Event

Daniel

Daniel is talking up the event around the unit as well as at tournaments he is attending up to the LSR. He will be in touch with the DIC (Kevin Perkins) to speak with Larry Laird regarding the event particulars since Larry will be supporting the event financially.

## 2018 Election Sectional Timing

Nancy S

The dates for the Election Sectional will be May 4-6, 2018 at the Marriott Westchase with Lauri Laufman and Nancy Guthrie as the co-chairs.

## New Member Recruitment / Retention

All

Due to time constraints, this topic will be put on the agenda for December

## Committee Reports

### Marketing Committee Report

No report to review at this meeting.

### Website and Information Committee Report

No report to review at this meeting.

### Club Connection

Nancy Guthrie reported that this past month, we visited two clubs, Spring Branch and Westside Bridge Academy and to finish out the year, we have two more clubs on the calendar. Board members are to reconfirm if they can attend.

Wednesday, November 15th, Clear Lake Bridge Club, 10:00 am

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Bryan/College Station, 9:30am

## NAP Unit Qualifiers

John/David

It was suggested we secure dates, location and the director-in-charge in a timely manner. The board agreed to pursue October 27-28, 2018 and ask BCOH if they might allow us to hold the event at their venue again. John (who comes off the board in May 2018) also offered to help out with the event as needed.



**GNT Qualification 2017/2018****John/David**

As previously agreed, GNT qualifiers will be done only at the club level and the three full-service duplicate bridge clubs in our unit have agreed to participate. Each club is finalizing the dates that these will be offered. Once we have the information, it will be posted on our website.

District qualifiers will be held at our Election Sectional in May 2018.

**STaC Week****John/David**

Our next STaC week will be December 4-10. This has been set up with a new director, Alex Bealles and it has been sanctioned. Nothing else needs to be done.

With regard to the recent October 16-22 STaC week: as of this date, all checks from clubs have been received with two exceptions: Pebble Creek and Clear Lake.

**2018-2019 Directory****Nancy S**

For the work that WBA is doing to assist in preparing the directory, the unit has agreed to offset an ad for the work done.

**Unit Charity Games****Nancy S**

No report

**Procedures Manual****Lauri**

Lauri highlighted the edits that had been presented her via email (most prior to her joining the board) and is sending the draft to review so that corrections can be made prior to the next board meeting. Goal is to secure final approval at the next board meeting.

**Nominating Committee****Nancy S**

Nominating Committee Chair, Karen Nimmons previously presented her committee members Tom Hogle, Pat Levy, Shawn Quinn and Rick Stell to the board via email.

**Motion – That the above members be approved as the nominating committee.**

The motion was made by Lauri, seconded by John and approved by all.

The slate of candidates for the Unit 174 Board presented by the nominating committee was also presented: Jack LaVigne, Carol Lombardino, Kathleen Malcolmson, Ronnie Martin, Paul Nimmons and Sheryl Thomas.

**New Marriott Set-Up Possibility****Daniel**

Nancy announced that Daniel and a new board member will co-chair the 2018 June Sectional.



Daniel would like to rename this one sectional to “The Big Switcheroo” as it will be at this sectional that the layout of the tournament will “switch”.

**Katy Non-Sanction Game and Advertising**

**Nancy S**

Jeanne Phelps requested the unit consider allowing her to promote their area non-sanctioned game via our unit resources. It was decided that this was not a good idea.

**New Business**

**2020 LSR Regional**

**Nancy S**

Our 2020 LSR will remain Feb 3-9 and not change to Jan 27-Feb 2 after all.

**2018 Fall Sectional**

**Nancy S**

Nancy announced that Bill Riley and a new board member will co-chair this event. A firm date and location has not yet been set.

**Storage Facility Move**

**Ken/Lauri**

As a result of having been notified the week of our most recent sectional that our supplies would no longer be able to be stored at Diligent (effective when they left for the Hilton North Houston on October 26), the board scrambled to find an alternative option to best suit our needs.

Lauri and Ken are happy to report that all of our supplies have been successfully moved to Great Value Storage, 9951 Harwin, located less than 2 miles from the Marriott.

Lauri negotiated a free month for each of two 10 x 29’ units located next to each other and they provided us with a month-to-month rental agreement at a comparable rate to others that were not as close in proximity. The facility has an onsite manager, security gates, video cameras and did not flood in the recent hurricane.

Our plan is to store our supplies there at least until the LSR. And, in the meantime the board is investigating other options, preferably a full service facility that can store as well as transport our supplies as needed.

**Club Holiday Subsidy**

**Nancy S**

We will be continuing to offer a club holiday subsidy with reference to our procedure manual until such time it is voted otherwise.

**Bridge Pad Rotation**

**Nancy S**

Bridge pad rotation for 2018 was presented by Nancy:

Lone Star Regional, Jan 29-Feb 4, 2018: Apple, BCoH, Clear Lake, WBA  
Election Sectional, May 4-6, 2018: Apple & WBA



Nearly Summer Sectional, June 8-10, 2018: BCoH & Clear Lake  
Awesome August Sectional, Aug 9-12, 2018: Apple & WBA

### **Tournament Chairs**

**Nancy S/Ken**

Tournament Chair assignments were announced by Nancy and Ken for 2018:

Election Sectional: Lauri Laufman & Nancy Guthrie  
June Sectional: Daniel Jackson & new board member  
August Sectional: David Henke & new board member  
Fall Sectional: Bill Riley and new board member

### **Conroe Future Club**

**Nancy S**

A future club is in the planning stages up in the Conroe area. Jody Henry is planning to secure a sanction for a new member owned club and initially start with a weekly or bi-weekly game. Jody has been a director for many years and is also a past club owner.

### **Executive Session**

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

The Board spent 2 minutes in Executive Session.

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

### **Future Meeting Dates**

The last Board Meeting for 2017 will be held at at Tracy Gee Community Center on Monday December 4 (at 9:30 am).

### **Adjournment**

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

The motion was seconded and approved at 11:25 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Laufman, Unit Secretary

