



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

November 5, 2018

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Ken Hudson

Ken Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Directors in attendance: Ken Hudson, Lauri Laufman, Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, Betty Starzec, Daniel Jackson, and Sheryl Thomas. Also present: Nancy Strohmer, Cindy Hillman, Joyce Gore, and Treasurer, Gary Hercules.

Approval of Minutes

Ken Hudson

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the October Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by Daniel Jackson; seconded by Sheryl Thomas; and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The September and October financial statements were prepared and emailed to the Board. They were verified by Mike Hofmann.

Motion: That the September and October Financial Statements be approved.

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

Old Business

Fall Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Jack LaVigne

All is on track for the Fall Sectional. All Board members were asked to meet at the Hotel



site on Thursday, the 15th, at 6:00 pm for set-up.

LSR 2019 Schedule

Ken Hudson/Lauri Laufman

Planning is progressing on schedule per the Procedure Manual.

Conditions of contest for the Mini-Soloway were approved and now being forwarded to ACBL for approval.

Two full page ads will appear in the Bulletin – November and December issues.

On Sunday, February 3rd, the Best Practices Teacher Workshop will be conducted at 1:00 pm. The Richmond Room will be needed for that day (with set-up at 10:30 am) along with Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning for assessments. \$50 will be the charge for the Workshop (which will also cover refreshments).

Election Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Sheryl Thomas

Motion: That the April 2019 Sectional budget be approved.

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

Proposed schedule was tweaked to concur with Survey results.

November 2019 Sectional

Jack LaVigne

Jack, as Chair, visited the Moody Gardens, Galveston site with Dianna Gittelman. Save the Date flyer will be prepared.

New Member Recruitment / Retention

Ken Hudson

Westside Bridge Academy will offer on Thursdays and Fridays, at 2:00 – 2:30 pm beginning November 1st, one of several volunteer experts to answer questions about bidding and play of the hands that were played in the morning session.

STaC

Lauri Laufman

October STaC week reported a total of 639 tables participating across 16 clubs.

Next STaC week is December 3-9. Seven clubs have already registered online to participate.

GNT

Daniel Jackson

No new report.

NAP

Daniel Jackson

NAP will occur at BCoH November 10-11 with B's playing on the 10th and A's and C's



playing on the 11th.

Committee Reports

Club Connection

Nancy Guthrie

Next Club Connection will be held at BCoH on Wed, December 5th at the 10:30 am game.

Nominating Committee

Steve Reichel

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate: Debi Balter, Cindy Cox, Cindy Hillman, Lauri Laufman, Clif Rice, and Thomas Rush. In accordance with the Unit By-Laws, names will be published 60 days prior to Election in the January Scorecard.

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

Motion: That the Board accept “Make a Wish Foundation of Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana” as the 2019 Unit 174 Designated Charity.

The motion was made by Betty Starzec; seconded by Kathleen Malcolmson; approved by all.

Nancy further stated that for 2020, we hope for more than 5 charity submissions.

December 2018 is Charity Month. Schedule for play: Dec 10th, ACBL; Dec 12th, SEARCH; Dec 13th, ACBL; Dec 14th, SEARCH.

Nancy further commended Carol Winograd for all the work she did in regard to the charity research.

Bridge in Schools

Kathleen Malcolmson

In January 2019, Kathleen will begin teaching an after school bridge class once a week at the River Oaks Baptist School (3rd and 4th graders). The Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart has asked us to teach bridge every day for six weekly sessions for their summer program. The ACBL’s lesson plans will be used. Emphasis is to attract more bridge teachers for future expansion of Bridge in Schools.

Betty Starzec reminded everyone of the reception honoring Barbara Seagram at her house on November 30th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Bridge as a Sport

Nancy Guthrie



Emphasis is to establish a contact with UIL.

Much thanks goes to Carol Wilson for putting together the presentation document for our proposal.

Supplies / Stanchions / Table Holders

Jack LaVigne/Daniel Jackson

Stanchions will be ready for the November Sectional. Jack further emphasized the assembly of the stanchions: Place base first; place top on pole; and insert top/pole in base gently.

Daniel discussed his proposed cup holders for the tables. His researched item from Amazon is similar to the cup holders used at BCoH. He will request that 10 sets be delivered from BCoH to the tournament and order 1 from Amazon to compare. Then future discussion will be conducted in regard to potential purchase.

Open or Invitation Games

David Henke/Joyce Gore

Joyce Gore is now the manager for Lakeside County Club; Forest Club; and Houston Racquet Club. All 3 Clubs have opted to be classified as “invitational” as of January 1st.

Awards

Sheryl Thomas

Life Master plaques were delivered to: Wayne Bell, Martha Dougherty, Marsha Doyle, JoAnn Knodel, John Montgomery, Toni Roesler, and Carole Samuels. Plaques were also ordered for past Life Masters who either never received or misspelling of name: Alan Holzberg and Lisa Zummo.

Life Masters plaques have been ordered for: Winkie Roper and Marcia Lindsey (to be presented at their party in January).

Caddy Program

Sheryl Thomas

Sheryl has confirmed caddy numbers with Kevin for the Fall Sectional: 2 on Friday; 2 on Saturday; and 3 on Sunday. She has hired Marq Faca as Head Caddy. Marq will begin his position the first day of the LSR, February 4, 2019.

New Business

District Report

Kathleen Malcolmson

The District Scorecard Committee, headed by Jim Bauer, has been seeking ways to reduce the cost of printing and distributing the Scorecard. They have proposed a two-year trial whereby each Unit will be allowed to determine how the Scorecard will be distributed within the Unit. It is strongly suggested that wholly either electronic or postal distribution be chosen by each Unit, not a mix of the two. It has also been suggested that



Units choosing electronic distribution may also receive some hard copies at one location for distribution with the Unit as needed. A final proposal will be presented by the committee at the District 16 Meeting in Houston on February 2019.

Survey / Sunday Tournament Drop-Off

Jack LaVigne

Jack was given great applause in regard to the survey. Much valuable information was gleaned from the survey results. In fact, the Election Sectional schedule was changed due to survey feedback.

Jack further commended Lauri on her assistance.

Lauri and Jack will work together on “next steps”.

By-Law Update

Ken Hudson

With regard to the member-requested proposed by-law change, the Board previously agreed to pass the request to our attorney for review. In response, Buddy Hanby provided the proposed by-law change to the Board.

ARTICLE VI: UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Section 4: Every qualified member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Director to be elected. All Ballots shall be secret. **Each vacancy must be voted for on each ballot or said ballot will not be counted.** The Board of Directors shall appoint judges to conduct elections.

The sentence **in red** is deleted, and the following is substituted in its place:

A member may exercise one or more of the votes to which the member is entitled; and unexercised votes shall not affect the validity of votes that have been exercised. A member may not cast more than one vote for the same candidate.

The remaining three paragraphs of Section 4 will remain unchanged.

Motion: That the provided proposed by-law verbiage as presented and reviewed by our Unit attorney be brought forth for vote by our membership at the next Annual Meeting.

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman; seconded by Nancy Guthrie; and approved by all.

Action Item: The proposed by-law change will be disseminated to all membership in the January Scorecard and on our website.



ABA/ACBL Joint Game**Lauri Laufman**

The 2019 ABA/ACBL game will be conducted at Westside Bridge Academy (date TBD). Lauri has worked with Bert Onstott to come up with a budget. Entry fee will be \$5.

Holiday Party Subsidy**Ken Hudson**

Ken to send a reminder to the Club Managers regarding the Holiday Party Subsidy.

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.

Motion was approved by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Next Board Meeting December 3rd at 9:30 am at Tracy Gee.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Guthrie, Unit 174 Secretary

