



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
October 6, 2014
Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Beverley Cheatham

Beverley Cheatham, president of Unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Present were: Rhonda Bryant, Beverley Cheatham, Kathy Hughes, Daniel Jackson, Tom Martinsen, and Nancy Strohmer. Gary Hercules, treasurer for Unit 174, was present.

Bob Armstrong, Bill Riley and Chuck Ensor were absent.

Approval of minutes

Beverley Cheatham

Bob Armstrong had emailed copies of the September minutes to the Board members.

Motion: That the September minutes be approved.

The above motion was made by Nancy Strohmer and seconded by Daniel Jackson. The motion was approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

Gary Hercules presented the September Treasurer's Report.

Motion: That the September Treasurer's report be approved.

The above motion was made Daniel Jackson and seconded by Kathy Hughes. The motion was approved by all present.

It was noted that the verifier's report had been received by all. Gary asked for the Board members to "categorize" their expenses when submitted—i.e. LSR, NAP, Communications, etc. Gary was asked to submit payment to "Jay Whipple, Fast Results" for the April, August, and November tournaments.

District Report

Beverley Cheatham

There was no report.



Old Business

Communications from ACBL to the Unit Secretary

Beverley Cheatham

All communications from ACBL to the Unit Secretary including the In-and-Out report, QUIP report, Active Members report as well as others should be distributed to the Board and Bert Onstott. The procedure needs to be included in the Manual. Bert uses the data to keep track of membership trends, etc. Daniel Jackson will include the procedures in the Manual and assist Bert if needed.

LSR 2015

Beverley Cheatham / Nancy Strohmer

The book seller will be provided 12 tables. After discussion from the last meeting and today, it was decided that the book seller would be the only vendor due to space constraints.

Event naming information has been announced at the various clubs and flyers have been distributed as well as posted on the Unit website. Nancy reported that there has been a great response. Daily bulletin Ad pricing information will be given at the next meeting.

There is interest in further stratifying the Gold Rush pairs. The ACBL would like to offer more stratification and will be voting on this at the Providence NABC. It was agreed that if ACBL approves the extended stratification that we will offer it at the 2015 LSR. **Old Strats:** Open: 1500 and 3000+ / 750 & 300 & 100. **New Strats:** Open: 5000+ / Mid-flight: 3000 & 1500 / 750 & 300.

Motion: If ACBL offers new stratifications for the Gold Rush Pairs, the new stratifications will be offered at the 2015 LSR.

The above motion was made Daniel Jackson and seconded by Nancy Strohmer. The motion was approved by all present.

A new directory will be completed for distribution at the 2015 Regional. Beverley asked Nancy to notify the membership via Constant Contact to make any changes needed for the directory. Also in this e-blast will be a reminder of the requirements for participating in the Fast Results program—the Pair Results is delivered to a member's email and/or mobile device immediately following a game. Signing up is easy! Just email your ACBL # (typed in the subject line) to: FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com or text your Last Name and ACBL # to (313) 800-1790.

November Sectional

Chuck Ensor/Rhonda Bryant

Rhonda reported that the meeting with the hotel was productive. A boxed lunch will be served on Sunday. Fast Results will be available. Menus from area restaurants will be posted.

There was discussion regarding renting a bus for transportation from Houston to League City on Saturday. Participants would pay for the "ride." The purpose of providing the bus would be to enable attendance for those who would not normally be able to attend because of the distance. Tom Martinsen agreed to research the possibility.

April, 2015 Sectional

Nancy Strohmer/Chuck Ensor

Nancy is working on the updated schedule.

June, 2015 Sectional

Bob Armstrong/Daniel Jackson

Daniel reported that there will be a competition in "naming" the November, 2015 Sectional at the Sam Houston Race Park.



August, 2015 Sectional**Beverley Cheatham/TBD**

No report.

November, 2015 Sectional**Bill Riley/Daniel Jackson**

No report.

GNT / NAP**Tom Martinsen / Bill Riley**

Tom reported that the Unit qualifying games will be as follows: Flight A: Nov 2 at the Houston Bridge Studio/ Flight B: Nov 1 at the Bridge Club of Houston / Flight C: Nov 2 at the Houston Bridge Studio. All details are on the Unit website.

District Charity Committee**Nancy Strohmer**

ACBL will distribute the seven checks to the recipients within the next two weeks. Nancy will submit an article with photos to be included in the next Scorecard.

Whirlwind Bridge**Beverley Cheatham**

Beverley reported that 14 Whirlwind attendees have enrolled in lessons. Rhonda Bryant will send a follow-up letter to the 104 attendees and include a "free play" for the upcoming tournament.

Preamble**Beverley Cheatham**

Beverley reported since Bob was not in attendance. Bob emailed a revised version along with Section I of the By Laws. He stated he had seen no reason to update Section I and asked that others look at it and provide any comments. Beverley sent the revised Preamble to Buddy Hanby, the Unit's attorney, for his review. Buddy felt that it was not worth the time or money to make a change. It was decided to "table" the discussion until next meeting.

Selected Areas of Interest for 2014**Beverley Cheatham**

Beverley reported that the Club Connection program is working well and will continue with Bill Riley's leadership.

New Business**Nominating Committee****Beverley Cheatham**

Beverley is working on a committee chairman as Betty Starzec will be a committee member but is unable to chair.

Executive Session

The Board was in executive session for 1 minute.

Future Meeting dates

The next Unit Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, at 9:30am at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.



The motion was made by Rhonda Bryant, seconded by Nancy Strohmer and approved at 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Strohmer for Bob Armstrong, Secretary

