



Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting
October 5, 2015
Tracy Gee's Community Center

Call to order

Nancy Strohmer

Nancy Strohmer, President of Unit 174, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Directors present were: John Caudill, Beverley Cheatham, Chuck Ensor (call in), Walter Freitag, Daniel Jackson, Daniel Leightman, Bill Riley, and Nancy Strohmer.

Directors absent were: Bob Armstrong.

Others attending were: Gary Hercules, Treasurer.

Approval of minutes

Walter Freitag

Walter Freitag stated that two motions were made at July 2015 that contradict themselves. One motion was that a committee be assigned to study the problem of bracketing Swiss teams. The board had already approved the motion that the Director in charge decide how to break the teams into brackets. As a result, Nancy Strohmer, Daniel Leightman and Walter Freitag discussed that the motion to assign a committee to study the problem of bracketing Swiss teams be rescinded.

Motion: That July 2015 motion to assign a committee to study the problem of bracketing Swiss teams be rescinded.

The above motion was made by John Caudill and seconded by Beverley Cheatham. The motion was approved by all.

Walter Freitag had emailed copies of the September minutes to the Board members.

Motion: That the September Minutes be approved.

The above motion was made by John Caudill and seconded by Daniel Jackson. The motion was approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The September treasurer's report had been emailed by Gary Hercules. The Verifiers Report had also been emailed by Mike Hofmann.

Motion: That the August Financial Report be approved.



The above motion was made by Walter Freitag and seconded by John Caudill. The motion was approved by all.

District Report

Paul Cuneo

There was no report.

Old Business

November 2015 Sectional

Daniel/Bill

Daniel Jackson and Bill Riley reported that:

The race track does not have a copy of the contract. Nancy Strohmer has a signed copy of the contract.

The lighting and parking, including handicapped parking, are adequate.

They will work with Bert Onstott to determine the table layout.

Food between sessions will be provided by the race track and local restaurants, three of which have already agreed to a 10% discount.

The race track has 400 chairs. Per contract, it is to provide 480 chairs.

The race track has agreed that supplies will be shipped on Thursday prior to the event and picked up on Monday following the event.

ACBL Unit 174 will provide the staff to set up and take down tables.

ACBL Unit 174 needs to pay \$3,000 to the race track for renting the place by November 20, 2015.

Management of the race track has confirmed that the pavilion will be open for the November 2015 Sectional.

Candy will be provided by the Unit.

April 2016 Sectional

Chuck/Dan

Daniel Leightman reported that:

He is looking for a hospitality chair.

Discussion of the times of sessions will be done next month.

LSR 2016

Nancy/Bob

Daniel Leightman stated that he has two corporate sponsors for events, which will be paying \$500 per event. The corporate sponsors are Merrill Lynch and a dentist.

Nancy Strohmer stated that:

Joyce Gore will help with the event naming.

Bob Armstrong, Walter Freitag, Sheryl Thomas and she are working on discounts at restaurants. Sheryl Thomas has gotten discounts from nine restaurants.



The next scorecard and the bulletin will have an ad for the LSR.

Nancy Strohmer will talk to Marriott about maintaining the proper temperature of the rooms.

Selected Areas of Emphasis for 2015/Board Assignments

Group

Walter Freitag stated that **Learn Bridge in a Day®** is set for January 30, 2015 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at Tracy Gee Community Center. The theme for this event is **"Succeed in Life."** A list of bridge instructors and their contact information will be handed out to participants.

Bill Riley stated that board members continue to visit the clubs within Unit 174, including after the next meeting at Tracy Gee Community Center.

There will be no lunch provided on Sunday at the August 2016 sectional. The chairs for this event will ask Marriott to provide lunch on Sunday. "No lunch on Sunday will be provided" will be included in the flier.

Daniel Jackson stated that Chuck Ensor, Daniel Leightman and he will test out Microsoft One Drive or other alternatives, which may replace Google Drive.

Bill Riley stated that bridge may be taught in local YMCA's next summer, possibly using mini-bridge method.

Daniel Jackson stated that Bert Onstott gave him the password for being the backup to the website for ACBL Unit 174.

Bill Riley stated that tournament director Kevin (Nancy – please provide last name) provides demographic information at the end of each tournament.

Nancy Strohmer stated that the method of communicating to ACBL Unit 174 members (the newsletter) will change from constant contact to Robly as of November 1, 2015.

Bill Riley stated that he has not had much success in finding companies to advertise in the directory of members.

Nancy Strohmer wants a report on the annual membership meeting process at the next meeting. It was discussed that members should first bring the issue to the attention of the Board during the year. Any issue to be discussed at the annual membership meeting should be first discussed by the Board prior to the annual membership meeting. New items cannot be brought up at the annual meeting.

Beverley Cheatham discussed that the payment to ACBL Unit 174 members who are part of the NAP.

Motion: That every player who is a member of ACBL Unit 174 and who qualifies for and attends the national tournament of NAP be subsidized \$100.

The above motion was made by Daniel Jackson and seconded by Bill Riley. The motion was approved by all.

Chuck Ensor will check to determine which clubs have signed up for STAC week. If not signed up, he will call clubs to encourage their participation.

Walter Freitag reported that there are 24 dozen sets of new playing cards.



Caddies**Nancy**

Nancy Strohmmer reported that the director in charge should be called to discuss the number of caddies needed at the next tournament. There are guidelines for determining the number of caddies but attendance at tournaments will determine the final number of caddies. The caddy chair is either current or past board member, which is a volunteer position. A caddy chair will be at every tournament. There will also be a head caddy. There will be further discussion next month.

Labor laws regarding caddies will be reviewed by Bill Riley. Dan Leightman will contact a labor law attorney and ACBL to discuss labor laws.

Hand Records for Swiss Teams**Dan**

Dan Leightman is waiting to hear from Kevin (Nancy please provide name). This item will be discussed at next meeting.

Stanchions**Daniel**

Daniel Jackson stated that two ideas regarding stanchions have been discussed at previous meetings – to refurbish the current ones or build new ones. Daniel Jackson, Bill Riley, and Gary Hercules will determine how refurbishing will occur.

Motion: That the old stanchions be refurbished.

The above motion was made by Daniel Jackson and seconded by Bill Riley. The motion was approved by all.

Daniel Jackson, Bill Riley, and Gary Hercules will determine how refurbishing will occur. The stanchions will be taken for refurbishing after the November sectional.

2018 Open Trials**Bob**

There was no discussion.

Using Mini-Bridge**Bob**

There was no discussion.

New Business**Incorporation****Dan**

ACBL Unit 174 is not incorporated and is a 501(c)4.

Request to take Director's test – Carol Jenkinson, Margie Patterson and Mike Hofmann**Walter**

Walter Freitag stated that Carol Jenkinson, Margie Patterson and Mike Hofmann have requested to take the Club Director's test.

Motion: Carol Jenkinson, Margie Patterson and Mike Hofmann be approved to take the Club Director's test.

The above motion was made by Daniel Jackson and seconded by Bill Riley. The motion was approved by all.



Executive Session

Nancy moved the meeting to Executive Session. The Executive Session lasted 6 minutes.

Future Board Meetings

The next Unit Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:30 am at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The above motion was made by Beverley Cheatham and seconded by Walter Freitag. The motion was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Freitag, Secretary

