

Memorandum of Discussion
ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

October 20, 2016

Westside Bridge Academy

Call to order

Bob

Board members present were Bob Armstrong, Bill Riley, Nancy Strohmer, Dan Leightman, John Caudill, and Daniel Jackson. Mildred Breed attended the meeting via conference call. Daniel Jackson acted as secretary. Treasurer Gary Hercules was present.

Treasurer's Report

Gary

The July and August financial statements were presented for approval

Motion – That the July 2016 Financial Statement be approved

The motion was seconded and approved by all.

Motion – That the August 2016 Financial Statement be approved

The motion was seconded and approved by all.

Marketing Committee

Paul Cuneo

Paul Cuneo spoke regarding MiniBridge. He asked for an additional \$2,000.00 for MiniBridge for the October sectional and the Lone Star Regional.

**Motion – Approved funding of \$2,000.00 for MiniBridge at the
October Sectional and at the Lone Star Regional**

Discussion of motion:

- Investing in the game
- Unknown return on investment at this time
- MiniBridge at tournaments may led to interest in MiniBridge at schools
- The program has been a success at the Bridge Club of Houston.

The motion passed.

Paul also asked for more assignments for the marketing committee, as they should be doing more than just MiniBridge.

Motion – The Marketing Committee should broaden their focus to all aspects of bridge, not just MiniBridge.

The motion passed.

October 2017 Sectional

Paul Cuneo

Paul also spoke regarding the status of the contract with the Hilton for the October 2017 sectional tournament.

- How many rooms to guarantee
- Attrition clause
- \$9,000.00 once fees included
- Food cost is high
- Security cost

Motion – Assign Paul and Dan to meet and negotiate with the Hilton.

The motion passed.

Paul also spoke regarding lunches at the Marriott for Sunday. He came to an agreement with the Marriott as follows:

- We pay for two cashiers for four hours on all three days
- They run a cash concession at lunch time
- They will sell food

Motion: Approve the lunch concession

The motion passed.

October 2016 Sectional

Daniel Jackson

Daniel Jackson reported on the October sectional. He requested that a room be purchased for use of the head caddy and his spouse for the tournament, as their drive was lengthy.

Motion – Approve expense for hotel for head caddy

The motion passed.

Lone Star Regional 2017

Bill Riley

Bill Riley reported on the Lone Star Regional.

- Bookseller has a conflict, trying to get another
- Registration gift is done (cup)

- 3 events are named
- Hot dogs for Teacher Appreciation Day on Friday

Motion – Have a MiniBridge session on Friday night

The motion passed.

- No partnership chair is assigned yet.

Club Connection

Bill Riley

Bill Riley reported on Club Connection

- Baytown on October 25
- Tracy Gee on Nov 7
- Tracy Gee on Dec 16
- BCOH and Racquet Club in April

STaC

John Caudill

John Caudill reported on STaC. 12 out of 14 clubs have paid.

NAP

John Caudill

John also reported on the NAP qualifier. The District calendar had the wrong date but everything else was on target.

ABA/ACBL Special Game

John Caudill

John reported on the ABA-ACBL game. It is set for Saturday, February 4, at Tracy Gee.

Elections

The board discussed the pending petition to change the way elections work for unit directors. It takes a special meeting of the membership to vote on this bylaw change. The special meeting will be held at the Election Sectional in April. Public notice of the meeting will be given in the January Scorecard, it must be 60 days prior to the special meeting.

The board discussed the nominating committee for the board elections. Lisa Zummo is the chair of the committee. The other committee members are Bob Dowlen, Sam Khayatt, Bert Onstott, and Joyce Ryan.

Motion – Approve the members of the Nominating Committee

The motion passed.

Compensation for Clubs for Closing on Thursday of Four-Day Sectionals

The board discussed compensating the full service clubs for closing on Thursday of four day tournaments.

Motion – Pay \$200 to each full-service club for closing on Thursday of any four-day sectional tournament.

The motion passed.

Holiday Party Subsidy

The board discussed holiday parties.

Motion – That the board subsidize the same amount as in the past, \$10.00 per table, receipts required for reimbursement, according to section 4.0 of the Unit 174 Procedures, receipts due January 31.

The motion passed.

Unit Board Letterhead

The board discussed a proposed letterhead.

Motion: That the board accept the letterhead as presented.

This motion was tabled.

Motion: Move into executive session.

The board was in executive session for 12 minutes.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting

The motion passed.

The meeting ended at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Jackson
Unit 174 Board Member