



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

October 3, 2022

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to Order

Kathy McDougall

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Thomas Rush. Directors in attendance: Thomas Rush, Kathy McDougall, Charles Dalton, John DuBose, Steve Gordon, Byron Fackenthal, Clif Rice, Greg May, Karen Nussbaum and Sarah Springer. Also present as a guest was Nancy Strohmer. Gil Micheletti was present as a guest during the last part of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Kathy McDougall made a **motion to approve the September minutes**. All were in favor. **September minutes approved.** There was some discussion about having print copies of the minutes available at the meeting as well as a suggestion that “track changes” be utilized when the drafts are amended. It was agreed that emailed minutes were sufficient.

Treasurer’s Report

Steve Gordon

Steve Gordon reviewed financials. The tax return has been completed and TR has signed it. SG requested that the minutes reflect that despite being a tax-exempt entity, the Unit must still file a tax return. May 15 is the usual due date; the prior treasurer had secured an extension to November 15 for the current filing. SG handed out copies of the balance sheet and income statements, noting that there is a balance of approximately \$150,000, after having started the year with \$200,000. The Regional tournament was a huge loss and the Sectionals are losing money also. SG noted that Nancy Strohmer had asked about the charitable contribution. \$138 was the balance of charity monies as of 12/31/2021 and the current balance from recent fundraising additions is \$714.



Old Business

Technology

Greg May

Greg May reported that the Zoom account has expired. He was authorized at the September meeting to spend up to \$200 to renew the account.

Procedure Manual

Karen Nussbaum

Karen Nussbaum stated she will be making some appropriate updates to the procedure manual.

District Update

Karen Nussbaum

No report

Club Connection

John Dubose

John DuBose has reached out to all of the clubs. Eric Watson has been contacted about a Club Connection game in Sugar Land and he will welcome the Board any Tuesday in October except the 25th when they will have their voting. Tentatively the board will play there the 11th or the 18th.

Club Manager Report

Greg May

No report

Tournament Contracts/ Future Sites

Thomas Rush

No report

Committee Reports

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

NS noted that charity games for 2023 will be March 20, 22 23, and 24 and she has applied for the ACBL to sanction those games.

I/N /Future Life Masters

Kathy McDougall/ Greg May

There were eleven tables at the September Sunday at Shriners. The newer players are being encouraged to come out for the October Sectional and the Lone Star Regional.

Kathy McDougall described progress with Bridge Pals where 299rs and 499rs are paired to enrich their bridge experience. She stressed the importance of developing volunteers so that the FLM program can continue.

Cindy Cox has been in touch with Stu Nolan in Dallas to help them with their FLM program.



Greg May announced that there have been 341 tables in the 0-50 games. He noted that Jack LeVigne has been out to every single game and Joe Quinn has also been actively participating to support the program.

Education

Kathy McDougall

New Member Recruitment

Charles Dalton

No report

Unit Newsletter

No report

Publicity

No report

Supplies

Clif Rice

CR is waiting until after the October sectional to do an inventory. Steve Gordon stated he would like to be present when the inventory is made so he can match up his records with the actual supplies. CR advised him to be there Sunday afternoon.

Website & Information

No report

STAC (U174)

Karen Naussbaum

Regular STAC games will be November 7-13; and Royal STAC for District 16 will be November 14-20. More regular STAC games will be held December 5-11. GM volunteered to draft text for TR to put notices on the webpage.

GNT and NAP

Karen Naussbaum

NAP players will get \$100 subsidy from the Unit when they play in the NABC tournament. KN noted that they also get \$300 from the District.

Awards

Karen Nussbaum

KN stated that there are five new Life Masters in our Unit. She has asked Joe Quinn to let her know before the Life Master Party at the Westside Shriners club so that the Board can attend and celebrate the awarding of the plaques.

October Sectional

Clif Rice/Sarah Springer

CR stated that the revised budget for the Sectional has been distributed to the Board after having been approved with the changes at the September Board Meeting. He stated that we are planning for a \$3000-\$4000 loss on this tournament. No ½ price entries for 299rs will be given; instead 299rs will get a one-session free play for Sunday of the tournament if they play two sessions on either Friday or Saturday.



CR urged Board Members to make announcements at the various clubs, and especially at the FLM games so we can encourage more people to come out for this fun tournament.

Linda McReynolds will manage the Covid desk as the vaccine check is still required by the ACBL. The desk will not be tended between sessions.

CR stated that he had been unable to get into Tourney Trax on the ACBL website and TR said he would help with that.

GM mentioned that he will be going off the Board and suggested that CR take over as Tournament Coordinator. CR stated he would accept that responsibility.

SG stated he would have \$1500 in cash available and requested that details of who gets the money be kept. He has 90 \$2 bills for prizes and will get 20 more. It was agreed that Sunday winners should be afforded their \$2 bills.

Free plays will be given for all three days to the photographer. The caddy chair, webmaster and Linda McReynolds will each get a one-day free play.

Houston Regional

Thomas Rush/Kathy McDougall

Kathy McDougall presented a draft of the flyer for the Lone Star Regional. KN will be speaking to the Marriott to try to get a \$99/night rate. KM noted that parking would be free. There will be FLM 0-299r games as well as IN games for players up to 499. The cocktail party for FLM/IN will be Tuesday, 6PM in the Richmond Room at the hotel.

Ken Hudson and Bill Riley were mentioned as partnership chairs. Joyce Gore has volunteered to prepare the boards. 50% off will be offered to FLM/IN players on Tuesday in advance of the cocktail party, and the District will reimburse the Unit for this discount.

The discussion turned to the price to be charged per session of the tournament, and rates of other regionals were compared. The Board was polled and the majority voted for the following fee schedule: \$14 per session Monday through Friday; Saturday's fee will be \$15 for the \$1 going to NAB; and Sunday's fee would be \$16 to include lunch.

The speaker schedule was covered and it was decided that the speakers would start at 12:30 prior to the 1:00 game to allow players to get lunch.

The Teacher Education course has been authorized; it is subsidized by the District. Karen Nussbaum volunteered to chair the Teacher Education Committee. The Board unanimously voted to hold the Teacher Education Course at the Regional. CR noted that previously people had registered and not shown up for the teacher course so it would be wise to have people preregister and pay in advance.



Discussion turned to the Director Course. Karen Nussbaum volunteered to chair this committee as well. This course is not subsidized. Five members of the Board voted to approve the Director Course and none were opposed.

Nominations Committee

The Nomination Committee should not include any member of the current Board, and North, Central and South areas of the Unit should be included on the Committee. TR stated he would contact Delores Aquino to see if she would be willing to chair the committee.

Board Meetings

TR will be circulating a schedule for the 2023 Board Meetings.

Next Board Meeting

Kathy McDougall

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Karen Nussbaum's residence, on November 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Springer, Unit 174 Secretary

