



**Memorandum of Discussion**  
**ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 2, 2023**  
**Tracy Gee Community Center**

**Call to Order**

**Karen Nussbaum**

President Karen Nussbaum brought the meeting to order at 9:20 am; board members present at the meeting were Thomas Rush, Charles Dalton, Antoun Henri, Dave Becker, John Eric Watson, Nile Gross, Steve Gordon, and Paddy Fiorino. Sarah Springer and John Dubose were absent from the meeting.

**Approval of minutes**

**Paddy Fiorino**

PF presented minutes from the September 11 meeting which had been previously circulated via email to the board. DB moved that the minutes be approved; NG seconded the motion and **minutes for the September 11 meeting were APPROVED.**

**Charity Report**

**Dave Becker**

Dave Becker wished to discuss with the board that he has received several requests from unit members that want the Shriners to be selected as the 2024 charity recipient. Dave wants the board to relay this to Nancy Strohmer.



**Treasurer's Report****Steve Gordon**

SG stated that an email with the September check registry was sent by email to board members at the close of the month. He noted that the only large expenditure was \$5700 to the Marriott as downpayment with another \$5700 due Jan 1, 2024. He stated there was \$600-700 expenses for supplies including convention guides, and Baron Barclay supplies. There is approximately \$135,000 in the bank at this time including Vanguard and Wells Fargo. He stated that losses incurred in the January 2023 regional have been negated by profits from the last three sectionals. Admin expenses and other income are nearly equal, and the unit is down approximately \$2000 for the year as of September 30, 2023.

**Club Manager Report****Greg May, Paddy Fiorino**

PF presented an email summary from Greg May. He reported 3 tables at the 0-50 unit game on 9/26/23. As of October 1, the following table counts are noted: 2023-147; 2022-207; 2021-171.

**Technology****Thomas Rush**

TR reported that JW has been added to the board's group email list.

**Procedure Manual and Bylaws****Karen Nussbaum**

KN stated the corrections to the manual and bylaws are an ongoing process. Bylaw changes require a board vote during the April meeting. CD reported he received a copy of communication from the ACBL that stated there is supposed to be a "Unit Membership Committee". He is chairman of the "Member Communication" committee. KN stated it may be necessary to change the name or clarify the duties to ensure compliance.

**Moody Gardens Sectional October****Dave Becker**

DB stated that Rick will be the caddy and will be making the boards. DB stated that supply delivery will be Thursday am with set-up of table and chairs scheduled for 8-9 am. SG stated he needs to know the cash amount needed for prizes, and Rick (caddy, making boards), and other cash expenses. SG was requested to bring \$900 for these expenses. Set-up by the board will be 10:30 am on Thursday. DB stated that the box lunch has been changed to a buffet with a lower cost to the unit. Luau is scheduled for Saturday night. Friday evening dinner menu is still in process. Sunday lunch is provided with event entry. DB will follow-up with Moody Gardens this week re:



the most efficient way to staff/sell meal tickets so that final plans can be made. Discussion ensued re: cash versus credit card payment; SG will check into credit card machines from the bank if the unit ends up setting up payment tables for the meals.

### **Bryan Sectional**

**Karen Nussbaum**

KN stated she has spoken with Betty Starzec and Betty has concerns because a previous sectional at Bryan was not profitable. KN stated there is still time to cancel and KN wants to see the results of the Galveston sectional. KN stated the October sectional has traditionally been scheduled in the outlying areas and there may be benefit in continuing this tradition. TR stated participants could come from San Antonio, Austin, and local colleges/universities. The tournament could increase overall membership in the outlying areas. TR discussed possible communication with the A&M alumni association to improve participation in Bryan.

### **GNT/NAP**

**Karen Nussbaum**

GNT and NAP will occur during the April sectional.

### **Lone Star Regional**

**Karen Nussbaum**

NG and AH will be in charge of the Daily Bulletin. Daily results will be sent to Fast Result. The first bulletin will be sent on Monday am to all attendees of the 2023 regional. The district has approved \$2500 for the Best Practices class for teacher training. The unit is charging \$50 for the course: there is an 8 person minimum for the class. The Event Naming Event is in progress; the Mini-Soloway event has been purchased. The Mini-Soloway event has been added to the events; there will be a group of professional players attending the regional. Budget planning is in process. Breakfast snacks are planned. A luncheon with hot dogs and cake is planned for Teacher Appreciation Day. The selection of speakers is in progress; speakers must meet national ranking requirements. KN reports the hospitality table still needs workers for tournament check-in (ensure hotel stay commitment), prizes, labels, and gifts. KN presented a handout of possible gifts for the LSR. Final decision of the gift was tabled. KN will check into prices for a nightlight and Bluetooth tracker. DB brought samples of vendor-labeled water bottles; he will check if smaller bottles are available. DB will check into vendor-labeled pens.



**Next meeting****Karen Nussbaum**

KN stated that Tracy Gee is closed on next meeting date of 11/6/23. KN asked that the board consider changing the meeting to Friday Nov 10. Motion was made by TR, seconded by NG. This motion was approved by the board.

**Nominating Committee****Karen Nussbaum**

KN stated that Harry Selldin will chair the committee. KN advised TR, CD, and DB that they need to let Harry know if they wish to run again for the board.

**FLM****Karen Nussbaum**

KN reminded board members that the Galveston sectional is also a FLM regional. KN has ordered 75 handouts from Baron Barclay for the packets. TR will verify FLM staffing/supply needs for upcoming events.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn** made by JW. NG seconded. All were in favor.

***Motion carried***

***The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Paddy Fiorino, Unit 174 Board Secretary*

