



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

September 13, 2010

Houston Bridge Studio

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Paul Cuneo-President, Bob Dowlen-Vice-President, Beverley Cheatham, Kathy Hughes, Karen Nimmons, Robert Reichek and Joyce Ryan.

Also present for part of the meeting was Dan Morse and Jim Woodward – Treasurer.

Minutes of Month board meeting

Secretary

The minutes of the August 9, 2010 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim

Month Financials

Jim Woodward submitted preliminary financial statements dated September 12, 2010.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer reports

The motion was seconded and approved.

District Report

Dan Morse, District 16 Representative on the ACBL Board of Directors gave his report. Dan discussed the ACBL advertising and marketing tools that are available to clubs and/or bridge teachers. Information about the free weekly bridge articles in "Bridge Bites" is available on the ACBL website, as well as, information about radio ads. Clubs and teachers can use the Cooperative Advertising Program to help pay the advertising costs.

Old Business

August Sectional Report

Paul/Chuck

Paul reported that there were complaints about the vegetarian meals and that there is to be a refund at our next tournament of approximately \$300.

Education Report

Joyce



Joyce reported that a total of 128 books were sold so far in September. Helen McCabe, John Zilic and Laura Lee Jones are no longer teaching. Joyce is sending out a monthly electronic newsletter to about 650 novice players transmitted by Bert and about 200 on the St. Martin's email list.

2011 Regional

Paul

Paul distributed flyers for the 2011 Regional to board members for discussion and approval. The Teacher Accreditation Program conducted by Betty Starzec and the Better Bridge Program conducted by Donna Compton were discussed.

Motion was made to use the TAP program at the 2011 Regional and the Better Bridge program the following year.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Paul discussed plans to publicize the Gold Rush Pairs and Bracketed Flight B Swiss. Mechanical pencils and tote bags will be given at the Regional.

October Sectional Report

Karen/ Beverley

Karen reported that everything is in good order.

NAP/GNT

Robert

Robert reported he is collecting the list of winners from each club.

Supplies

Robert/Chuck

No report.

Awards

Karen

Karen reported that all awards have been presented.

Clear Lake Sites

Chuck/Bob

Paul visited the South Shore Harbour Resort and he is expecting proposals from their staff.

Unit Calendar

Jolie

In Jolie's absence, Paul reported that the unit was granted a sanction for June 2011 in Bryan.

Pro/Am

Paul

Paul reported the Bridge Club of Houston and Clear Lake Club were hosting the Pro/Am event on September 30, 2010.

New Business

Meals at Tournaments

Paul

Paul discussed the shortage of meals for the past few tournaments when we have "box lunch" or if the caterer counts plates. Three options discussed to help solve the problem were ordering extra meals, institute a ticket system or let the Hotel sell the meals.

Executive Session

No Executive Session.



Future Meeting dates

The next board meeting will be October 4th

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Beverley Cheatham

Secretary

