



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

September 10, 2012

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Paul

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am. Directors present were: Beverley Cheatham, Paul Cuneo, Joyce Gore, Jolie Hess, Errol LeCesne, and Nancy Strohmer. Also present was Bert Onstott.

Approval of minutes

Paul

Motion: That the online minutes be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Woodward

Paul presented the Treasurer's Report which included **Unit 174 Balance Sheet** as of September 9, 2012, showing Current Assets of \$83,033.04.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be approved.

The motion was seconded and approved.

District Report

Bert

Membership was down one to 2,532; there were twelve new members.

Bert is working on improving our Unit website; usage seems to be about the same.

Texas Star nominations are due Dec 31. The Unit can nominate one person who will automatically receive the award. Awards are given out on Sat during the Lone Star Regional.

Unit Goodwill Award nominations are due Dec 31. The Unit can nominate two people who will automatically receive the award. Awards are given out during the Election Sectional.

Sectional Tournament scheduling—Bert appointed a team (led by Jo Smith with Scott Humphrey, Charlie Price, Tomi Fitzgerald and Carolyn Pinto) to develop guidelines for scheduling sectional tournaments. Units were complaining that even though they got their sanction in early, there was nothing to restrict a nearby unit from later scheduling a sectional for the same weekend.



These items were adopted by a motion of the District 16 BOD.

~ Have schedule current on the website and each unit scheduler should look at the schedule and avoid conflicting tournaments.

~ Traditional scheduling dates should be observed.

~ Regional tournaments, NAP's and GNT's should be scheduled at least 3 yrs ahead.

~ Sectional tournaments in large units should be scheduled 2-3 yrs ahead.

~ Each unit should have a maximum of 4 sectional tournaments per year.

Scott Humphrey has replaced Tom Whitesides as the District Tournament coordinator. He will be looking at all tournament applications for conflicts with other units. In the event of a conflict, he will contact the unit(s) involved and try to work out a compromise. He has the authority to disapprove tournament sanction applications and will use it if necessary. In those events, he will confer with the District Tournament Committee, headed by Charlie Price.

These guidelines will be sent to all tournament coordinators via paper mail.

Other developments: Jim Thurtell was elected as District 2nd Vice President. Carolyn Pinto was appointed District I/N coordinator, replacing Dorsey Shaw.

Old Business

Lone Star Regional

Paul/Chuck

Nothing new to report.

August Sectional

Paul/Nancy

Attendance was up from last year—overall, a successful tournament.

Clear Lake Update

Chuck/Kathy

No report. Please encourage players to attend.

Planning Meeting Action Items

Paul

We are on track.

NAP/GNT

Beverley

GNT and NAP: Results are currently being collected from all clubs within the Unit.

STAC

Joyce

Will take place in October 8-14; everything will be the same, i.e. stratification, etc. There will be a \$6/table charge in order to break even on the expenses.

Bridge in Schools

Errol

Errol visited with Mr. Hartman, ACBL CEO at the Houston Sectional. Both felt like a change in marketing bridge in the schools was needed...i.e. promoting bridge as a MENTAL SPORT. Errol is approaching the teachers with this new concept.



Errol received one response from the Publicity E-Blast regarding "Teachers Wanted." That is positive news.

Errol is also making presentations for incorporating bridge into the "Enrich After-School" program.

April Tournament **Paul**

Paul and Tom will chair.

Scorecard Editor **Paul**

Carol Wilson replaced Mary Jane Kennebrew.

New Business

October Meeting **Paul**

Next month's meeting will be October 1 at the Bridge Studio at 7pm. The Board decided to hold quarterly meetings at night at the Bridge Studio. All other meetings will be at Tracy Gee at 9:30am.

The directory is re-printed every two years; Paul will inform Bert that it is time.

Course at Rice **Paul**

There are plans for Eddie Wold to offer a bridge course at Rice.

Holiday Parties **Paul**

Motion: That the Board sponsor Holiday parties at local clubs during the month of December. The Board will give a subsidy of \$10/table. For clubs that have multiple sanctioned games, the club will be allowed reimbursement for one daytime game, one nighttime game and one novice game. These parties must be held during the regularly scheduled sanctioned games. Receipts for expenses from each club will be required for reimbursement and turned in no later than January 31, 2013.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session

The Board was in executive session for 5 minutes.

Future Meeting dates

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, at 7pm at the Bridge Studio.

Adjourn

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded and approved at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Strohmer, Secretary

