



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

September 17, 2018

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Ken Hudson

Ken Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:37 am. Directors in attendance: Ken Hudson, Lauri Laufman, Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, Betty Starzec, and Sheryl Thomas. Also present, Nancy Strohmmer, Paul Cuneo, and Treasurer, Gary Hercules

Approval of Minutes

Ken Hudson

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the August Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by Sheryl Thomas; seconded by Lauri Laufman; and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The August financial statements were prepared and emailed to the Board. They were verified by Mike Hofmann.

Motion: That the August Financial Statements be approved.

The motion was made by Jack LaVigne; seconded by Lauri Laufman; and approved by all.

More Financial Discussion and Advisements from Gary:

- 1) We have not received the Marriott bill for the August Tournament. **Action Item: Ken Hudson is to contact the Marriott regarding the tardiness of the bill.**
- 2) We need to publicize and remind the winners of each tournament session to collect



their \$2. Also, photography hours and locations need to be publicized. Signs will be produced for the next Tournament for each of these reminders.

- 3) A \$25 check was received from ACBL for the referral of the students from Westbrook Intermediate.

Old Business

August Sectional

David Henke/Betty Starzec

Since the Marriott bill has not been received, tournament chairs were unable to report the exact financial results. Recommendation: Tournament Chairs should confirm with the DIC and Caddy Chair the number of caddies. Chairs did report that the open pair team attendance was up on Friday while the overall attendance was down. They recommended to have the open pair event again.

November Fall Sectional

Nancy Guthrie/Jack LaVigne

All is on schedule for the “Two Month Prior to Tournament” items from the Procedure Manual. Meeting is scheduled for October 2nd with the Marriott, to be attended by Ken Hudson and Lauri Laufman as well.

Discussion was then conducted to increase the benefits to our players in an effort to give back to our membership and make their tournament bridge experience more enjoyable.

Motion: That we give out one additional food hand-out/day than already provided in the budget; the concession be open from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm; and that \$1 coupons be given to the players at each session/day to be used only at the concession.

The motion was made by Jack LaVigne; seconded by Lauri Laufman; and approved by all.

LSR 2019 Schedule

Ken Hudson/Lauri Laufman

Tournament and Committee Chairs are making great progress. Updates are being clarified and will be further discussed at the October meeting.

New Member Recruitment / Retention

Ken Hudson

Nothing to review at this meeting.

STaC

Lauri Laufman

“Moving forward”.

GNT

Ken Hudson



No Report.

Committee Reports

Club Connection

Nancy Guthrie

Next Club Connection will be held at the Merfish Youth Center on Wednesday, October 3rd at 10:30 am.

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

District 16 Charity Games Update: The District 16 Board met on September 1st and approved the following: That the Charity portion of the Charity games (\$4/table) be distributed to the local charity as designated by the Unit's Board of Directors or whoever it designates (i.e. Charity Chair). This pertains to the October 19 and 23 games only. For these two games, the Club Managers have been instructed to send checks to their Unit's Treasurer (\$4/table) so that the proceeds can be distributed to the selected charity. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Strohmer, nastrohmer@yahoo.com / 713-882-0626.

Nancy further suggested that we reach out to the Unit membership for our 2019 charity.

Bridge as a Sport

Nancy Guthrie

Carol Wilson has graciously agreed to wordsmith the document to define "bridge as a sport".

Storage Bins / Timers / Stanchions

Jack LaVigne

New timers have been acquired. Stanchions will be ready for the November Sectional.

Open / Invitational Games

David Henke

No update.

Approved Speaker List

Betty Starzec

No further update.

Awards

Sheryl Thomas

Working with notes and awards to future Life Masters.

Caddy Program

Sheryl Thomas

Sheryl asked for the Board to consider raising the pay for the caddies at the Regional Tournament. More discussion at the October meeting.

New Business



Marriott Contracts**Paul Cuneo**

Marriott contracts are confirmed through 2020 (with the exception of the Fall Tournament 2020). The Shriners Facility was investigated as a possibility for future tournaments. They are implementing LED lighting. When completed, the facility could be considered as a possibility for our future play. Paul verbalized on the unacceptable conditions with the Marriott potential contracts for 2021-2022 and he is still working to negotiate. Lauri Laufman and Jack LaVigne volunteered to work with Paul on our future tournament sites.

Paul continued to give District and National updates. Announcement was made that Betty Starzec has been appointed as the District 2nd Vice President.

Survey**Jack LaVigne**

Jack presented the survey on the Sunday drop off.

Bidding Box Brackets**Ken Hudson**

No update.

By-Law Update**Ken Hudson**

No update.

NLM at Sectional Tournament**Lauri Laufman**

Lauri verified that only 3 can be held/year and three are already sanctioned for 2019.

Motion: That we apply for the sanction of a NLM Regional preferably at our August 2020 Sectional (if not the June Sectional).

The motion was made by Betty Starzec; seconded by Jack LaVigne; and approved by all.

Subsidy for I/N or Newcomer Game Mentoring**Ken Hudson**

To be discussed at the October Meeting.

2019 Tournament Chairs**Ken Hudson**

Tournament Chairs for 2019 Sectionals were appointed.

Barbara Seagram Visit**Betty Starzec**

Betty will be hosting a reception at her house on November 30th in conjunction with Barbara Seagram's visit to Westside.

Motion: That the Unit subsidize \$150 toward the reception expenses.

The motion was made by Lauri Laufman; seconded by Sheryl Thomas; and approved by



all.

Executive Session

A motion was made and approved to go into Executive Session.

The Board spent 3 minutes in Executive Session.

A motion to end Executive Session was made and approved by all.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion was approved by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.

Next Board Meeting October 1st at 7:00 pm at Westside Bridge Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Guthrie, Unit 174 Secretary

