



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

September 9, 2019

Tracy Gee Community Center

Call to order

Lauri Laufman

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. Directors in attendance: Cindy Cox, Nancy Guthrie, David Henke, Daniel Jackson, Lauri Laufman, Jack LaVigne, Kathleen Malcolmson, and Sheryl Thomas. Others present: Gary Hercules-Treasurer, Betty Starzec-Education Coordinator, Nancy Strohmer-Charity Coordinator.

Approval of Minutes

Lauri Laufman

The meeting minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

Motion: That the August 2019 Minutes be approved.

The motion was made by David Henke, seconded by Daniel Jackson, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hercules

The August 2019 Financial Statements were verified and emailed.

Motion: That the August 2019 Financial Statements be approved.

The motion was made by Jack LaVigne; seconded by Cindy Cox, and approved unanimously.



Old Business

August 2019 Sectional

Daniel Jackson/Clif Rice

Players comments regarding the Hand Records with the Swiss Teams was two to one in favor. Improvements/tweaks will be needed to address the slow play mentioned in the comments. Suggestions include a timer clock, more boards made, an additional director and/or caddy.

Pair games comments included Web movement possibilities. It is logistically difficult to create a Web movement game with 11 tables. More feedback from the Directors will be needed. It was brought up that the Gatlinburg Regional uses Web movements. Making more boards for the Web movements is likely affordable for the Unit. One more caddy should perhaps be used for Web movement games.

November 2019 Sectional

Jack LaVigne/Cindy Cox

Entertainment for Friday and Saturday will be \$20 each. It is requested that payment by players be made by check rather than cash at the time of the event. Checks should be written to ACBL Unit 174.

The flyer is not yet on the Scorecard as the Scorecard has yet to be published. It was suggested that a Unit-wide way of electronically distributing flyers should be looked into. Pianola was suggested and will be looked into. Robly, in use currently, is for District 16 business only.

For team play, a screen may be used to display team numbers and seating information as is done in some other tournaments. It is currently being looked into.

The Chairpersons have walked the layout at the venue. Signage will be made to direct players to playing areas informational tables.

Lone Star Regional 2020

Lauri Laufman/Jack LaVigne

Betty Starzec spoke: The Aces and Knives movie announcement is in the current Bridge Bulletin. Announcements/flyers should be placed to get as many as possible to attend the movie. Non-players and new players are especially welcome. Marketing in the hotel to guests (flyers at check-in) and local community should be looked into. The screening will be in the Pavilion Room. The DVD provided is for one-time use.

The speaker schedule is being filled, most need to be confirmed. Betty Starzec presented a tentative schedule: Mon-Gary King, Tue-Bob Morris, Wed-Tom Marsh, Thu-Shawn Quinn, Fri-Michael Huston, Sat-Jacob Morgan, Billy Miller or Eric Rodwell. Only Monday is confirmed. All should be firm by the end of October.



New Member Recruitment / Retention

All

Finding New Player Ambassadors has been difficult and more are needed. Everyone's help is appreciated in recruiting more volunteers. Teachers and I/N programs at clubs should be asked to present this volunteer opportunity to students. Board members will be going to classes in person to address the students, in addition. Regarding this position, an issue that has presented itself is where two new players arrive and play together – the volunteer is not needed and becomes disappointed. How can this be addressed?

STaC

Sheryl Thomas

On schedule. Email to be sent out.

GNT

Daniel Jackson/Cindy Cox

No Report.

NAP

Daniel Jackson/Clif Rice

It was brought up that this position may no longer be necessary.

Motion: Combine the GNT and NAP positions and revise the Procedure Manual accordingly.

The motion was made by Cindy Cox; seconded by seconded by Nancy Guthrie; approved unanimously.

The GNT and NAP positions will be headed by Daniel Jackson for the time being.

Committee Reports

Club Connection

Nancy Guthrie

Suggestions for next club are open.

Charity Report

Nancy Strohmer

A request for submissions by the membership of worthy charities to be considered for the Unit 174 Charity of 2020 will be posted on the Unit's home page.

Education

Betty Starzec

A teacher listing update is in progress. It will be posted in cloud storage (Box.com).

Membership

Catherine Miller

No report.



Intermediate/Newcomer**Cindy Cox**

A report was submitted by email. I/N Tournament Enrichment, Member Guest Bridge Social and Recent Retiree Initiative were covered in the report. Total First Timers for the August 2019 Sectional were 8. Five were accompanied by "Buddy Recruiters".

Directory**David Henke**

A printable format for the directory is in process. There will be no photos in the print version. Photos will be in the on-line version. Advertisements will be included in the print directory. The Unit website and clubs should announce to members that it is time to check/edit entries in the directory.

Other**Bridge in Schools****Kathleen Malcolmson**

No report.

Bridge as a Sport**Nancy Guthrie**

A speech is being prepared for the next presentation to the UIL on October 20th, 2019.

Supplies**Clif Rice**

Inventory will be taken of all supplies at the close of the November Galveston Sectional. All Board Members are asked to attend and RSVP.

Awards**Sheryl Thomas**

Three Life Master Awards are to be given personally to recipients at their LM Parties.

New Business**District 16 Report****Kathleen Malcolmson**

The District 16 meeting took place at the Richardson Regional on August 31st. The report was emailed. Two items of interest are: Paul Cuneo has announced his candidacy for President of the ACBL Board for 2020; The Board of Governors has two new appointees, Bob Morris and Dan Lightman.

Minutes of this meeting will be posted on the District 16 website.



Procedure Manual

Lauri Laufman/Kathleen Malcolmson

Tournament updates will be provided by Jack LaVigne.

Tournament Contracts/Future

Lauri Laufman/Jack LaVigne

A contract has been signed with Shriners for the November 2020 Sectional.

Future: Should Bracket 1 be handicapped? At the District level handicapping may be unfair. For further research regarding this, using a geometric mean was suggested.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 11:25, exiting at 11:37.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was made by Jack LaVigne, seconded by Nancy Guthrie; approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Next Board Meeting on Oct. 7th, 9:30 a.m. at Tracy Gee Community Center.

The Nov. Board Meeting will be on the 11th, 9:30 a.m. at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Malcolmson, Unit 174 Secretary

