



## Memorandum of Discussion

### ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

September 10, 2021

### Tracy Gee and Zoom Video Conference

#### Call to Order

Karen Nussbaum

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 am. Directors in attendance: Karen Nussbaum, Thomas Rush, Joyce Gore, Lauri Laufman, Clif Rice, Dave Becker, Greg May, Carol Lombardino and Kathy McDougall.

Others present: Nancy Strohmmer, Sue Caufield, Betty Starzec, John Dubose. Paul Nimmons, Karen Nimmons and Gary Hercules.

#### District 16 Guest Regarding Scorecard

Sue Caufield

Sue Caufield assumed the position of Scorecard Editor replacing longtime editor, Ira Hessel. With mailing costs, the Scorecard cost to Unit 174 is approximately \$12,000 per year and is increasing. Sue's goals for the Newsletter are:

1. Have a format that looks great
2. Save money
3. Create a better product online
4. Have no cost to the Unit using a digital distribution

**Motion: That the District Rep votes to support our Unit going digital with the Scorecard Distribution.**

The motion made by Dave Becker- Seconded by Greg May.

**Motion carried**

#### District 16 Award Presentation

Betty Starzec

The District is going to have an Awards celebration at the LSR between sessions on Saturday between session to award the Jacoby, District Star and Goodwill Award for two years, and offer refreshment between sessions.

Need the Richmond Room for Face to Face Saturday and Sunday for Teacher Best Practices and a Director's Course.

#### Approval of Minutes

Clif Rice



The minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

**Motion: That the August 2021 Minutes be approved.**

The motion made by Thomas Rush- Seconded by Dave Becker.

**Motion carried**

**Motion: That the September 4 Ad Hoc 2021 Minutes be approved.**

The motion made by Dave Becker - Seconded by Greg May.

**Motion carried**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Gary Hercules**

Treasurer's report and the July Financial Statements were emailed.  
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The reports have not yet been verified. Approval postponed until next month's meeting.

Dave Becker has agreed to assume the role of Unit Treasurer as Gary Hercules will be resigning. As the position is a Presidential appointment, no vote needed. Lauri and Thomas will look into whether new Treasurer should be bonded.

Karen recognized Gary Hercules as an outstanding Treasurer.

### **Technology Procedures**

**Greg May**

Tech, Email, Box, Zoom are all updated and working

### **Procedure Manual**

**Lauri Laufman**

No report.

### **District Update**

**Lauri Laufman**

Sue Caufield addressed these items as the New Scorecard Editor.

### **Club Connection**

**Thomas Rush**

Thomas will reach out and get more details for holding one at the Cypress/Katy Club

### **Old Business**

#### **October Sectional**

**Motion: That the October 2021 Flyer with changes be approved.**



The motion made by Thomas Rush- Seconded by Lauri Laufman

**Motion carried**

**Motion: That the October 2021 Budget with changes be approved.**

The motion made by Thomas Rush –Seconded by Dave Becker.

**Motion carried**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Charity Report**

**Nancy Strohmer**

Nancy recommends that we table the Traditions Senior Living Social Bridge project for Seniors until January.

### **I/N-Future Life Master**

**Greg May/Kathy McDougall**

Greg advised that the FLM continue to do well with the 0-20 games and credits Mary Ellen Vail. Gemini, Mixer Madness and Apollo are succeeding and the Apollo game is paying for itself with a small profit to the Unit.

The ACBL Education Foundation is reaching out to schools through Peachstar for Bridge Programs. Bridge Whiz is an additional project to reach out to Schools.

### **New Member Recruitment**

**Carol Lombardino**

We are identifying players who are not playing on line. The Committee is assembled and waiting on the report.

### **Member Communications**

**Karen Nussbaum**

Karen noted that the new editor in January, Jeanne Phelps advises that the transition for the Events and Classes newsletter is going smoothly.

### **Publicity Chair**

No report

*Dave Becker*

### **Website & Information**

*No report*

**Carol Winograd**

### **Supplies**

*No report*

**Dave Becker**

### **Awards**

**Joyce Gore**

The plaque for New Life Master Carol McCord has been mailed and the plaques for new life master for Robert Dennis and Doris Everette are on order.

### **GNT**

**Joyce Gore**



Congratulations Dan Morse and Eddie Wold who were on the winning Team from our District.

**STAC (U174)**

**Joyce Gore**

STAC information has gone out to all the clubs for November.

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**NAP**

**Joyce Gore**

All members that qualified at the Club level will be eligible to play at the District qualifier in January.

**New Business**

**Nominating Committee**

**Karen Nussbaum**

Paul Nimmons will chair and put together a nominating committee for new board member candidates. Next meeting the Board will approve his committee

**Tournament Contracts/Future**

no report

**Dave Becker**

**Club Manager Report**

**Lauri Laufman**

Lauri is stepping down as Club Manager and turning over the duties to Greg May. The Unit continues to showed a net profit on the game.

**Lone Star Regional**

**Thomas Rush/Karen Nussbaum**

We need Chair people. Betty Starzec offered to assist with speaker program. The Unit needs volunteers to assist with obtaining prizes to give away. Volunteers are needed for Event Naming, Chairs, Hospitality.

Event Naming

Hospitality

Mini-Soloway

**Motion: That the LSR offer a \$50 Teacher's Best Practice Course and a Full Director's Course on the Saturday/Sunday before the Regional.**

The motion made by Dave Becker - Seconded by Greg May.

**Motion carried**

**Next Board Meeting**

**Karen Nussbaum**



To be determined, Recommended Friday October 8, 2021 at Tracy Gee.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn**

Made by Lauri Laufman - Seconded by Kathy McDougall

**Motion carried**

***The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Clif Rice, Unit 174 Secretary*

