



Memorandum of Discussion

ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting

December 20, 2024

Zoom meeting

Call to Order

Sarah Springer

President Sarah Springer brought the meeting to order at 4 pm. Board members present at the meeting were John Eric Watson, Karen Nussbaum, John Du Bose, Dave Becker, Hallie "Peaches" Eads, Lesley Kellet, Linda McReynolds, James Sells, Steve Gordon and Paddy Fiorino.

Approval of minutes

Paddy Fiorino

JW motioned that the minutes for the November 4 meeting which had been previously distributed to the BOD via email be approved. The motion was passed by the board and minutes for 11/4/2024 **Were Approved.**

Treasurer's Report

Steve Gordon

SG reported there is currently about \$123,000. In bank accounts. He stated \$17,000 has already been spent on the upcoming regional and he would transfer more funds to the checking account soon. SG stated that incoming funds from the naming event of \$13,000 has been collected. Board members verbalized their appreciation of Marsha Bernstein for her hard work in this event. SG stated that \$800 has been collected from ACBL for the recent Royal Stac event. He has received an upcoming budget estimate for the April sectional from HE which has not yet been fully compared to previous budgets. SG noted that the October sectional lost approximately \$10,000, expenses for the magician and supply moving costs totaled \$2000 of this loss.



Technology**Paddy Fiorino, Steve Gordon**

No new issues have been reported.

Club Connection**Hallie Eads**

Discussion deferred until after the regional.

Charity**James Sells, Karen Nussbaum**

SG stated he has \$700-800 of charity funds collected which will be distributed. KN stated that a new unit charity needs to be determined; JS is working on this.

Tournament Coordinator**Dave Becker**

DB stated the Election Sectional contract has been signed with Marriott. He stated contracts with the Marriott for LSR 2026 and 2027 have been completed and the contract for 2028 should be completed within a week. He is working with Galveston sites for October 2025. DB is still awaiting confirmation from the Shriners to cancel that site for the June 2025 tournament. KN inquired about the Marriott food commitment for the LSR. DB stated he will check the exact number, but he thinks it is about \$25,000 and we have spent \$30-35,000 in previous years and does not anticipate this is an issue.

Supplies**Dave Becker**

DB stated that all supplies are in adequate stock for the LSR.

Membership**Hallie Eads**

Discussion was deferred.

Election Sectional**Hallie Eads, Lesley Kellet**

SS suggested a "Hat" theme for the sectional.

Lone Star Regional Sarah Springer, Dave Becker, Linda McReynolds, Karen Nussbaum

SS stated the flyer has been updated again after discussions with Melody Euler and Kevin Perkins. There was a discussion about a 0-5 MP game on Friday to include students taught by Robert Burrige (junior high). SS will follow-up further with Kevin



Perkins and Mr. Burrige before a final decision is made. KN stated the online game has been scheduled for Saturday. DB stated the Marriott booking is going well. KN and LM will communicate via email to coordinate poster preparation (Election Slate and Speakers); SS will assist LM with the posters. KN stated that Gary King is speaking on Monday. Other speakers are still to be scheduled. DB is working on the LSR budget. SS reminded the board members to visit and distribute the restaurant discount letters. DB is addressing board set-up and caddy issues. DB is verifying with the Marriott room reservations for the directors and board members.

Upcoming Board meeting dates

Sarah Springer

Next scheduled board meeting is 9:15 am Monday Jan 6, 2025, at Tracy Gee Community Center.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by DB. LK seconded. All were in favor.

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paddy Fiorino, Unit 174 Board Secretary

