

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 3, 2006**

President John Goldstein called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:07PM at the Brauer House in Hillside, Illinois. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Jackie Addis	Frank Chadwell	Angie Clark	Adrienne Cohen
Tom Dressing	John Goldstein	Kay Hathaway	Jody Wadhwa
Carl Sharp	Suzi Subeck	Tom Sucher	

Absent: Jan Churchwell, Susan Fox and Ginny Schuett

Also present: Patty & Jim Chiszar

President John Goldstein formally welcomed Adrienne Cohen to the CCBA Board.

First Business: Ratification of Minutes

Jackie Addis made a motion to accept the minutes of January 20, 2006. Seconded by Angie Clark. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report (Dressing)

Tom reports that the spring STAC made appx. \$1200. Tom also reports that our recent March Madness tournament was up 74 tables and made appx. \$5600.

Tom now distributes a copy of the current 2006 budget. He asks that we keep better records for free plays by putting them under a separate place in the budget. Tom also reminds tournament chairs that they alone can authorize tips at tournament sites.

Motion by Sucher to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Cohen. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ABA/CCBA Tournament (Chadwell)

Frank reports that he has recently talked to the ABA tournament chair for this event, Rita Mitchell. Dates and schedule are firm for this tournament; June 3-4, 2006. Rita would like for our side to provide fruit and deserts for this event. Frank will make arrangements with Tom Sucher for fruit delivery and to build a list of volunteers to supply desserts. Carl volunteered to provide cakes. Rita faxed a copy of their proposed flyer for this event (our flyer has already been done and distributed). We are in agreement on the schedule and costs per session. This tournament is ready to go.

I/N Seminar with Speakers (Clark)

Angie reports that she will meet with Tom Sucher and bring a report on this topic to the next CCBA meeting.

Board Vacancies

John Goldstein reports that we still have one vacancy on the CCBA board. This person will be replacing Bob Ward, who resigned at the end of 2005. There are four potential candidates mentioned by John; the Board gives John full support in appointing the best candidate.

NEW BUSINESS

March Madness, 2006 report (Sucher)

Tom reports that the recent regional in Lake Geneva was a success on many levels; attendees had fun and the tournament made money. There are some changes in the way the Grand Geneva does business. We will now buy our fruit directly from the hotel. This is a positive in that we can order fruit daily, and are now allowed to provide veggies. Jackie Addis suggests that we advertise this in the tournament's daily bulletins.

Hand records at tournaments (Sucher)

Tom reports that he and the DIC at March Madness experimented with improving the method of distributing hand records. On the documents themselves will be a date and time stamp up in the left corner. There is also space here to advertise. The records were placed in an organized fashion in stacked letter boxes which were marked for easy access. This is a great improvement for hand records and was well received.

Mileage for caddies (Goldstein for Fox)

There is always trouble hiring caddies for mid-week at our Lake Geneva tournaments for the obvious reasons; it's mid-week and caddies are not readily available; the tournament site is

not in a major metropolitan area. It has been suggested that we should perhaps give mileage to caddies to entice them to work for us. The Finance committee will tackle this suggestion and make a report to the full board at our next meeting.

New E-mail addresses (Dressing)

Tom has made some changes to the new e-mail distribution lists he recently created. There is a 255 character limit per address, so here is the resolution. When sending an e-mail to the full board, one must use the following three (3) addresses:

unitboard@bridgeinchicago.com

executive@bridgeinchicago.com

extras@bridgeinchicago.com

The above addresses will ensure that all board members and interested parties receive all board communications.

Sunday Swiss Matches (Sucher)

Tom reports that the recent format for the Sunday swiss at the regional was very well received. That format was six rounds of eight boards, as opposed to our more traditional seven rounds of seven boards. The six rounds is faster. The scheduling committee will take note of this, for regional tournaments only.

2006 Summer Nationals (Addis)

Jackie reports that events are “coming together” for the nationals. Angie has arranged entertainment from 6:45 to 7:30 each night based upon a different country theme. In addition, there are three nights set for “restaurant theme nights”, namely Italian, Greek and Chinese dining. Buses will be provided to transport people from the hotel to dinner, for a nominal cost of \$2. Angie reports that the sponsorship money that our unit put forth will buy us sponsorship on the first Saturday and second Friday of the tournament. This will be the Second-City troupe.

CCBA Day at Summer Nationals (Goldstein)

John reports that each unit of our district gets a day at the nationals to promote themselves in any way they choose. Patty Chiszar will put together a piece on the fiftieth anniversary of our unit. There will be banners placed out with our logo; a total of three for the area, with one to be placed in the I/N section.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (Dressing)

No report

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

Jackie will get the tournament box to Kay.

Contracts (Sucher)

Tom reports that all contracts are up to date. He will work on the Labor Day contract for 2007. The 2007 FallFest contract will be addressed after the 2006 tournament.

Caddies (Fox)

No Report.

Scheduling (Sharp)

No report.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

Kay reports that she had hospitality on Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat at the recent March Madness tournament. As the relationship with the Grand Geneva has recently changed, it is even more important to get our specific contractual details in writing.

Communications (Goldstein)

John and Patty Chiszar report that the flyers advertising our tournament schedules for the coming year have gone out to neighboring districts in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

Juniors/Education (Clark)

Angie worked with the February meeting of the Juniors. Jan Churchwell worked with them in March and again in April. Pens and convention holders were given to the Juniors.

Newcomers (Clark)

Angie reports that there were fewer Newcomers games at our recent March Madness regional. This is because the Newcomers “played up”.

Site (Sucher)

All tournaments are sited until FallFest of 2007.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Dressing, seconded by Sucher. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2006, at the home of Angie Clark.

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

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RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS:

Frank Chadwell will make arrangements with Tom Sucher for fruit delivery at the CCBA/ABA tournament on June 3-4. Frank will also put a list together for dessert donations for this tournament.

Banners advertising CCBA Day at the nationals to be made and placed at the site in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell
Secretary, CCBA

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