

**CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – AUGUST 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Carl Sharp. Also present and constituting a quorum were

Jackie Addis
Jan Churchwell
Angie Clark
Adrienne Cohen

Tom Dressing
Jean Faeth
Les Kent
Selma Perlmutter

Suzi Subeck
John Vincent
Bob Young

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of June 8 were approved. Les Kent moved; Jackie Addis seconded.

TREASURER’S REPORT

ABA/CCBA: The issue of an appropriate (profit) split between the CCBA and the ABA was referred to the Finance Committee. Carl Sharp will liaise between the two organizations.

SummerFest: The tournament showed a loss of \$939, but the projected loss had been \$2,834. Therefore financially the tournament was a “success” (if it’s good enough for the government...).

Summer STAC: The final accounting was not complete.

The June Treasurer’s Report had been tabled since Tom was not present at the June meeting. There being no questions about it, both the June and August Reports were accepted. Jackie Addis moved; Angie Clark seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

HANDBOOK UPDATE

Jan Churchwell said that the update was not completed because (1) she had not received replies from all the people she had sent sections to for comment and (2) the committee felt that the issue of whether the Handbook should be “rules” or “guidelines” had to be settled first. Jan presented a motion to strengthen the Handbook which was withdrawn after discussion.

A motion was made to amend the Bylaws to include the Removal Policy adopted by the Board in May, 2009. Jan Churchwell moved; Tom Dressing seconded.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE REMOVAL POLICY BY THE OCTOBER MEETING so that notice can be given to the membership of the intent to amend in time for a vote at the Annual Meeting (January 30, 2010). Suzi Subeck will send a copy of the policy to all Board members. Comments, questions, and/or suggestions should be sent to Carl BEFORE the October meeting.

Further discussion of the Handbook was tabled till the October meeting.

A motion was made to eliminate the Handbook entirely. Tom Dressing moved; Jan Churchwell seconded. The motion was defeated.

299ER TOURNAMENT

Carl will call Kathy Burt and ask her to see whether the tournament can be held in the Darien Sportsplex.

NEW BUSINESS

CONDUCT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Carl Sharp has asked Ralph Katz to be the “Charging Person” for the CCBA, and he has accepted. The role of the Charging Person is to investigate complaints and try to resolve them (if appropriate) without a hearing before the committee.

John Vincent stated that in his opinion the procedures for conducting hearings needed clarification. He volunteered to write guidelines, clear them with the ACBL, and submit a report to the Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Suzi Subeck is the Nominating Committee Chair for 2009-2010. Members include Jan Churchwell, Lavern Wiebe, and Susan Finkelstein. One Board member and two non-Board members are yet to be chosen.

The Directors whose terms are ending are Angie Clark, Mark Frueh, Les Kent, Blythe Olshan-Findley, and Selma Perlmutter. Suzi will notify them. Any of them wishing to remain on the Board must notify Suzi IN WRITING of their desire by September 7, 2009.

Board members are encouraged to solicit candidates for the Board. All submissions must be in writing (self-nomination is acceptable). The deadline is September 7, 2009.

The committee will present a slate for 2010 at the October meeting.

HARMON WILKES AWARD COMMITTEE

John Vincent has received three nominations. The deadline for submissions is September 7, 2009.

The Board will vote on making the award at the December meeting.

DECEMBER MEETING DATE

The December meeting will be held on December 14 at Suzi Subeck's.

TOURNAMENT ADVISOR

No report.

RAFFLE AT CENTRAL STATES

Jackie Addis stated that she intends to raffle off free entries as a Hospitality item before some games at Central States. This is legal in Wisconsin. The Board had no objection.

SPLIT REGIONAL WITH WUMBA

The Board voted NO to further implementation of this plan.

FOOD AT BOARD MEETINGS

Dinner is a problem for people who do not have much time between work and the start of a meeting. Tom Dressing suggested that serving pizza ONLY would be acceptable, BUT hosts should let him know in advance of their intention to do so. Light snacks and drinks are at the host's discretion. Anyone who serves any "substantial" food items other than pizza will NOT be reimbursed.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

SUMMERFEST

Bob Young had sent out a preliminary report in advance of the meeting and stated that the final report would be ready later that week.

The tournament will be held at the DuPage Expo Center in 2010.

STAC

There is an issue about the fairness of the overrides because of the size of different games in a time slot. Suzi Subeck, who will become our District Representative in January, 2010, will work with outgoing rep Harriette Buckman to establish a policy and report to the Board at a future meeting.

LABOR DAY

Everything is on track. The Comfort Inn (9333 Skokie Blvd.) will give a \$30.00 discount per night to people who mention the tournament; staff rooms will receive the discounted rate.

CENTRAL STATES

Everything is on schedule.

Jackie thinks that the cost of producing the Annual Calendar will be covered by advertising. Any profit from the calendars belongs to Central States. The Calendars will be a registration gift at Central States, along with a coupon book for local (Lake Geneva) merchants. Calendars not given out during the tournament will be given to clubs to distribute.

FALLFEST

No report.

WINTERFEST

The menu for the Annual Dinner has been selected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONTRACTS AND SITES COMMITTEE

John Goldstein will continue to oversee contracts, but we do not have a chair at present.

CADDIES -- No report.

SCHEDULING

Carl wants the committee to meet before the October meeting. The principal issue will be start times, especially at Regionals.

COMMUNICATIONS – No report

EDUCATION – No report

NEWCOMERS – No report

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20. Tom Dressing moved; Suzi Subeck seconded.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Acceptance of Minutes; Les Kent moved, Jackie Addis seconded.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports; Jackie Addis moved, Angie Clark seconded.

Motion to amend the Bylaws to include the Removal Policy; Jan Churchwell moved, Tom Dressing seconded.

Motion to discard the Handbook; Tom Dressing moved, Jan Churchwell seconded. Motion defeated.

Adjournment: Tom Dressing moved, Suzi Subeck seconded.