

**CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – AUGUST 9, 2010**

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

**Jan Churchwell
Tom Dressing
Les Kent**

**Maribeth Miller
Lynn Patinkin
Sharon Pobloske**

**Joe Stokes
Suzi Subeck
Bob Young**

Absent: Angie Clark, Adrienne Cohen, Jean Faeth, Mark Frueh. Also present: DeMaris Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of June 14 were approved. Les Kent moved; Suzi Subeck seconded.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Carl Sharp introduced Sharon Pobloske to the Board; Carl has appointed Sharon to fill out the remainder of Dave Shelton's term.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SummerFest: The tournament showed a loss of approximately \$6,800, and the table count was down by almost 130 tables. Board members need to be more careful about filling out their Free Play coupons, and each Tournament Chair should be sure all Directors know that they should not accept any Free Play that has not been filled out. Tom Dressing said that each Free Play should contain the date, the event, and the name of the person using it.

Tom stated that despite the loss at SummerFest the CCBA is financially healthy.

STaCs: Tom stated that in future ALL Unit 123 STaC's will be held in strict accordance with the conditions of contest as stated by the ACBL:

The organization receiving the sanction (sponsoring organization – ‘SO’) is responsible for the collection of any fees due from a participating ACBL sanctioned game. Each participating club is responsible for submitting all fees to the sponsoring organization in a timely manner. The ‘SO’ is also responsible for ensuring that all fees due the ACBL are remitted in a timely manner. Should a participating club owe a debt to a unit, district, conference or ACBL, the ‘SO’ may ask Management for assistance in collection as permitted by ACBL regulations.

And, as noted on the CCBA website, the per table sanction fee of \$8.00 is to be remitted within 24 hours of the conclusion of the tournament to:

Name: CCBA
Address: PO Box 2585
City/ST: Naperville, IL
ZIP: 60567

Jan Churchwell moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Maribeth Miller seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

TAP: Jan Churchwell said that so far she has only received two checks. She will alert Dana Norton at the ACBL next week that the TAP may not take place. The cutoff date stated in the flyer is September 1, but she plans to give Dana the final go-ahead (or not) on September 7 after the conclusion of the Labor Day Tournament.

Advertising: Suzi Subeck reported that the District 8 Advocate is advertising Central States, so for the present we will not change our policy of advertising District 8 events.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Maribeth Miller is the Nominating Committee Chair for 2010-2011. Suzi Subeck will send her the materials she used in 2009 for Maribeth to use as templates. A notice will appear in the next Kibitzer. The cut-off date for nominations is October 1, 2010. Board members are encouraged to solicit candidates for the Board. All submissions must be in writing (self-nomination is acceptable).

The Directors whose terms are ending are Jan Churchwell, Adrienne Cohen, Jean Faeth, Suzi Subeck, and Bob Young. Current Board members who wish to remain on the Board must notify Maribeth IN WRITING of their desire to do so by October 1, 2010.

Harmon Wilkes Award Committee: Joe Stokes is the Harmon Wilkes Chair for 2010. Nominations for the Gran Award should also be sent to Joe. The Board decided that the Gran Award should be made on the same basis as the HW Award – i.e., when there is a suitable candidate, which might not be every year.

ACBL Board of Directors Report: Suzi reported on the meetings held in New Orleans; she will e-mail her report to the Board members.

Board Personnel: Carl reported that John Vincent has resigned from the Board; Carl is looking for a replacement.

Carl also reported that Kathy Burt is resigning as Unit Administrator. Suzi Subeck requested that Kathy train her, Jan, and Angie in all aspects of the position so that there would be several people who could competently assist in the interview process for a replacement.

Annual Calendar: Jan Churchwell will manage the advertising collection efforts with the club owners. Checks for ads should be sent to Tom Dressing by October 11 for repeat ads and by October 1 for new ads. The Calendar will be distributed at Central States. Anyone who is willing to talk to club owners about renewing or placing an ad should get in touch with Jan

District Board: Steve Garner is resigning. Carl will find a replacement (a non-Board member).

TOURNAMENTS

ABA/CCBA: Carl Sharp will work with the ABA on the issue of an appropriate split between the CCBA and the ABA.

Summerfest: Bob Young's report was largely covered in the Treasurer's report. He reported for Angie Clark that the Hospitality and I/N events had been very well received. The Pro-Am game was also considered a success. Bob noted that participation from District 8 was lower than last year.

There was a discussion about other sites and changing the length of the tournament. Bob has visited the Marriott in Lincolnshire and says it has plenty of space and would give us the same rate package we have at DuPage Expo. He has also visited the Westin in Wheeling, but doesn't have rate information from them. We would also incur penalties if we cancelled the current contract. Another suggestion is that we get information from the Sheraton near O'Hare where the USBF Team Trials were held in June. We have one year left on our contract with DuPage and with the Hilton Garden Inn.

The Kibitzer will contain a notice reminding members to avoid using scented colognes and perfumes.

Labor Day: Everything is on schedule. The Comfort Inn (9333 Skokie Blvd.) is offering a rate of \$85.00 to people who mention the tournament; staff rooms will receive the discounted rate. Les asked the Board to come in advance of game start times to assist with welcoming players.

Central States: Everything is on schedule.

WinterFest: Carl Sharp and Suzi Subeck will chair the tournament and dinner.

COMMITTEES

Contracts and Sites: Carl met with the management at Pinstripes (Glenview); the site is not large enough for us to hold a tournament.

Communications: Flyers through WinterFest 2011 are prepared. The committee will discuss various alternatives to the on-line Kibitzer and report.

Tom Dressing reported that he has renewed the CCBA domain name (www.bridgeinchicago.com) for 20 years. He suggested that another person besides himself needs to know all the information relating to maintenance of the site.

Les Kent moved to adjourn the meeting; Tom Dressing seconded.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Acceptance of Minutes; Les Kent moved, Suzi Subeck seconded.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report; Jan Churchwell moved, Maribeth Miller seconded.

Adjournment: Les Kent moved, Tom Dressing seconded.