

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 18, 2006**

President John Goldstein called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:10PM at the home of Angie Clark. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Jackie Addis	Frank Chadwell	Angie Clark	Adrienne Cohen
Tom Dressing	John Goldstein	Kay Hathaway	Jan Churchwell
Carl Sharp	Ginny Schuett	Tom Sucher	Susan Fox

Absent: Jody Wadhwa, Suzi Subeck

Also present: Kathy Burt, Jim and Patty Chiszar; Blyth Findley, Les Kent, Selma Perlmutter and Demaris Johnson.

First Business: Ratification of Minutes

Jackie Addis made a motion to accept the minutes of October 9, 2006. Seconded by Tom Sucher. The motion carried.

Introduction of New Board Members and Others (Goldstein)

John introduces the following new members of the CCBA family. Kathy Burt will take over the role of administrator from Patty Chiszar, beginning on February 1, 2007. Demaris Johnson will take over the role of Kibitzer editor, beginning with the March, April, 2007 issue [**Patty to confirm**]. Blythe Findley, Les Kent and Selma Perlmutter are incoming board directors. Jean Faeth will be replacing board member Lavern Wiebe, who resigned last year.

John also is instituting a “mentoring process” for new board members. Blyth will be with Adrienne; Jean with Angie; Les with Tom Sucher, and Selma with Suzi Subeck. This will ease the process of coming on the board. John will talk with both new members and their mentors after a few months for a progress report.

Treasurer’s report (Dressing)

Tom distributed copies of the CCBA operating budget as of October 31, 2006. A copy of this can be found on the CCBA website. Tom projects that we will have a loss of roughly \$20,000 for 2006, which includes \$6,000 to be returned from the ACBL and District 13 from

our monies spent at the 2006 Nationals. Attendance at our recent Central States regional was slightly up; the 299'ers tournament made money; both the FallFest tournament and the fall STAC's were down in revenue from 2005. Tom asks members to look over his possible suggestions for saving money in 2007. He is accepting all suggestions on this topic; and tournament chairs need to get with Tom about budgets for 2007. Tom will incorporate all member suggestions into his upcoming finance committee meeting if submitted by January 17, 2007.

Motion by Tom Sucher to accept the treasurer's report and the 2007 budget thru our WinterFest tournament in January, 2007. (The remainder of the 2007 budget will be voted on at the February, 2007, meeting.) Seconded by Angie Clark. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Results from Central States (Schuett)

Ginny makes a formal report on our recent Central States tournament. Caddies used were supplied by Ken Gee and this worked well. Section signs and posters were passed to Frank Chadwell, who will chair this tournament in 2007.

Results from FallFest (Sucher)

Tom reports that attendance was down due to a bad weather day on Friday. We will be holding this tournament again in 2007 at the same location.

Harmon Wilkes Committee (Clark)

Angie reads the full board a description of qualities of a Harmon Wilkes winner. She has submissions for this award for 2006. The full board will go over this later at this meeting in a closed executive session.

New Board Administrator (Addis)

Jackie announces and introduces our new board administrator, Kathy Burt. She begins officially on 1-1-2007; Patty Chiszar will be an advisor until 2-1-2007.

New Kibitzer Editor (P. Chiszar)

Patty announces and introduces our new Kibitzer editor, Demaris Johnson.

Director-in-Charge (Goldstein)

John reports that after putting together documentation on Rick Mueller, he had a discussion on the telephone with Rick Beye regarding Mr. Mueller's performance, both past and future.

NEW BUSINESS

2007 Tournament Chairs and Apprentices (Goldstein)

John reports that there will be "apprentices" to help/learn about tournaments for the following tournaments this year, with an aim to these apprentices stepping in at a later date to chair the various tournaments:

Current Chair/Apprentice for Tournament

Tom Sucher/Angie Clark for SummerFest
Kay Hathaway/Adrienne Cohen for Labor Day
Frank Chadwell/Les Kent for Central States
Tom Sucher/Blyth Findley for FallFest
Frank Chadwell/Selma Perlmutter for the ABA tournament
Jackie Addis/Jean Faeth for the 299'er tournament

2007 Board Meeting Dates (Goldstein)

John will distribute 2007 board meeting dates at our January, 2007 WinterFest board meeting.

Committees for 2007

John Goldstein passes around a sign-up sheet for committees assignments for Board members in 2007. Committee assignments will be made at our January, 2007 WinterFest board meeting.

Tournament Reports:

Status of Upcoming WinterFest 2007 Tournament (Addis/Churchwell)

Jackie tells the board that tickets are selling for the upcoming membership dinner at the WinterFest tournament.

Invitational Pairs Report (Chadwell)

Frank polls the Board on the question of raising the minimum masterpoint requirement for this event. It is now 1300; the Board decides to leave the conditions of contest as they are for 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (Dressing)

No report

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

See above report on WinterFest.

Contracts (Sucher)

Tom reports that contracts are signed with sites for all tournaments in 2007.

Caddies (Fox)

No Report.

Scheduling (Sharp)

Carl reports that Tom Dressing will be discussing budgeting for 2007 tournaments.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

Kay reports that all is well in Hospitality and arrangements have been made for the upcoming WinterFest tournament.

Communications (Goldstein)

John reports that there will be a tournament mailing to neighboring units every other year. Last mailing was 2006, so next will be 2008.

Juniors/Education (Schuett)

Ginny reports there should be a TAP course at Central States later this year.

Newcomers (Clark)

No report.

Site (Sucher)

Tom reports that all sites are secured for 2007 tournaments.

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

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20, at the WinterFest tournament in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

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RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS:

Adrienne Cohen and Tom Sucher will do research on the definition of legal money movement and communications with our membership, as defined by our by-laws. Report later this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell
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