

**CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2010 (Unapproved)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Carl Sharp. Also in attendance and constituting a quorum were

Jan Churchwell
Adrienne Cohen
Tom Dressing
Jean Faeth

Mark Frueh
Les Kent
Maribeth Miller
David Shelton

Joe Stokes
Suzi Subeck
John Vincent

Not present: Angie Clark, Lynn Patinkin, Bob Young. Also present: Unit Administrator Kathy Burt and Kibitzer Editor DeMaris Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jan Churchwell said that the sentence "This amounts to about \$2500 for the CCBA" (bottom of page one) was cut from the December Minutes. Suzi Subeck moved to accept the Minutes as amended. Dave Shelton seconded. The Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Jan had e-mailed a complete revised draft of the Handbook to all Board members last week. The only person who had responded to date was John Vincent. John suggested that the Charging Party for the C&E Committee should have the responsibility to investigate charges before a hearing is held; he has brought this and other matters to the attention of Jim Burt.

Jan asked all Board members to check sections that were of interest to them carefully and send suggestions to her. She will incorporate them and present a final copy for approval at the April meeting. She said that in her opinion the job of the Handbook Committee was substantially finished, and the committee could disband.

NEW BUSINESS

Suzi Subeck reported that there will be a Tournament Management Seminar on March 18 during the Spring NABCs in Reno. There is no charge for the seminar. Jean Faeth said she will be in Reno and could attend in the morning and would try to get someone to attend on behalf of the CCBA in the afternoon.

Suzi handed out a page summarizing Masterpoint Averaging as a method of determining level of play during tournament events. The hope is that MP Averaging will allow people who have recently crossed a plateau to continue playing with regular partners, rather than having to "give up" their former games. Averaging is subject to the following limitations:

1. It cannot occur in A or AX events;
2. A person must be eligible for the event for which s/he is signing up;

Example: A person with 2001 MPs and a friend with 100 MPs may not average their total and play in Stratum B; however, a person with 1000 points and a person with 100 points may add their points together and play in Stratum C.

John Vincent suggested that the matter be sent to committee for study before being implemented; however, there is a time issue because we have to have the SummerFest flyer ready for the ACBL shortly. Dave Shelton moved that the Board try Averaging during 2010; Suzi Subeck seconded. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December STaC: Tom Dressing reported that the STaC had netted the CCBA \$2100; this item was not in the report he had sent out Sunday.

WinterFest: Hospitality was over budget by \$385. Jan repeated her contention that the WinterFest Hospitality budget should be in line with other Sectionals because the Annual Dinner is not a tournament hospitality item. Despite a lower table count (26 tables less than 2009), lower room rental and a lower per dinner cost led to the tournament's producing a net profit of \$1848.10.

Tom reported that he had received 160 Dinner tickets against 144 paid reservations and 45 guests, so many tickets had somehow failed to get turned in at the door.

He asked that Board members review line items in the Budget and let him know if amounts had changed so that he could make adjustments.

Mark Frueh asked how much input Tom got before he created an Annual Budget; Tom said "Not much."

Jan Churchwell moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Adrienne Cohen seconded. The report was accepted.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

WinterFest (Jan Churchwell)

Jan handed out a report and recapped the main points. The two main problem areas were the hotel's lack of effective communication within its own staff and the effective utilization of the playing area, including the foyer. Jan thought that these problems were all things that could be avoided now that they were known and said that the Holiday Inn seems to be a good site for WinterFest.

Jan also handed out a summary she had made of the per capita hospitality spend for all CCBA tournaments in 2009 and stated that in her opinion the amount allocated to WinterFest was extremely low. She also suggested that since she and Tom Dressing hold directly opposite views on how WinterFest hospitality should be viewed a decision about how to handle hospitality going forward should be made by the Board. Carl will appoint a committee to review the situation and report.

Jean Feath reported that she felt that the staff's failure to communicate had created huge problems for the Dinner. Again, the problems can hopefully be avoided next year. Jean also stated that she thought she should have been consulted before Les Kent was brought on board to coordinate the reservation process.

Les Kent said that reservations had gone well, but he agreed that there was a certain amount of chaos, especially Saturday afternoon.

SummerFest – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance -- No report

Contracts and Sites

Carl is still looking for a chair. All tournaments are currently sited for 2010. Kathy Burt had brought the 2010 FallFest contract with her for Carl to sign. The CCBA Rider (which is now in an appendix in the Handbook) will be added, and Carl will forward the contract to John Goldstein for approval with the request that John send it back to Brenda Storm at the Lindner Center when he has approved it.

Caddies (Mark Frueh)

Mark will edit the Caddy Chair section of the Handbook further and send suggestions back to Jan.

Scheduling (Adrienne Cohen)

Adrienne said that everything is set for 2010 with the exception of one event in the Labor Day Tournament which still has to be settled.

Communications (Suzi Subeck)

The February/March Kibitzer is on line. There was a discussion of how to notify the membership when the Kibitzer is ready. Tom Dressing will add a choice to the "Subscription Updates" option so that people can choose also to be notified about the Kibitzer. A card will be printed up telling people to go to "Subscription Update" and update their preferences accordingly.

Tom also said that he is in the process of revising various links in the website; presently many of them don't go anywhere, but he expects to have everything sorted out shortly.

Education – No report

Carl will ask Katherine Rehak to chair the Education Committee.

Tournament Advisor

The position is currently unfilled

C&E

Jim Burt is the current Chair; Carl will confirm that he is willing to remain in the position for 2010. Suzi Subeck will not be able to be a member because she is now on the ACBL Appeals Committee.

Newcomers – No report

OTHER BUSINESS

USBF: Joe Stokes reported that the USBF will have two Junior Divisions, one for people between the ages of 21 and 26 and one for people under 21. He said that of the six teams currently slated to play in the Team Trials four are from the Atlanta Youth Bridge program.

Carl pointed out that the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2010 is on the Agenda. He also handed around a committee sign-up sheet and will report rosters in April.

Adrienne Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting; John Vincent seconded.

Next meeting: Monday, April 12, location TBA.

The Executive Committee remained for a meeting.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Approval of Minutes: Suzi Subeck moved, Dave Shelton seconded.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report: Jan Churchwell moved, Adrienne Cohen seconded.

Give Mastepoint Averaging a trial run in 2010: Dave Shelton moved, Suzi Subeck seconded.

Adjournment: Adrienne Cohen moved, John Vincent seconded.