

**CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Suzi Subeck. Also in attendance and constituting a quorum were

Jan Churchwell  
Tom Dressing  
Al Jonas

Les Kent  
Sharon Pobloske  
Lynne Rosenbaum

Carl Sharp  
Joe Stokes  
Bob Young

Not present: Angie Clark, Adrienne Cohen, Mark Frueh, Maribeth Miller, Lynn Patinkin.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Les Kent moved to approve the Minutes; Lynne Rosenbaum seconded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**STaC:** Table count for the December STaC was up 61.5 tables over 2009 (+\$2,529). Table count for 2010 was up 80 tables over 2009.

**WinterFest:** Despite a decline in attendance of 38.5 tables, the tournament showed a profit of \$1,777.

**Annual Dinner:** The Dinner incurred a loss of \$882 over budget.

The dispute with the Grand Geneva over room night count remains unresolved. Suzi is working to improve the contracts for the future. Discussions for a "universal contract" to cover all District 13 tournaments at the Grand Geneva are also underway.

Jan Churchwell moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Les Kent seconded.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2015 NABC: Stan and Suzi Subeck and Angie Clark will chair. Sign-ups for all committees are open.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board set the following goals for 2011:

- Build tournament attendance
- Work with club owners to increase attendance at clubs, especially encouraging new players and juniors to begin playing duplicate. Al Jonas will head a committee to work on this goal. Carl Sharp said that he would like to work on a mentoring program pairing experienced players and non-duplicate players. He will serve on the committee.

- Work cohesively as a Board
- Conduct business in committee
- Don't lose money

Suzi has not completed the tournament and standing committee rosters.

## **TOURNAMENT REPORTS**

### **WinterFest** (Carl Sharp)

No report beyond what was stated in the Treasurer's Report.

### **299er** (Suzi Subeck for Angie Clark)

The 299er will be held May 14 and 15 at the Darien Sportsplex. There will be no entry fee. Tables and chairs will be rented. A DIC is needed.

The Board will examine the possibility of adding a Non-Life Master tournament to the schedule.

### **ABA/CCBA Tournament** (Joe Stokes)

Joe will chair for the CCBA. Carl will suggest to the ABA Board that all tournament expenses be paid off the top and that any losses be split 50-50. Any profit will go to the ABA since they provide the site and most of the hospitality. The CCBA provides desserts; anyone planning to attend is encouraged to bring something.

### **SummerFest** (Bob Young)

Bob referred the Board to his spreadsheet detailing contract costs for 2011-2013 at DuPage Expo. He said that he and others had visited possible sites in the O'Hare area and Northwest suburbs, but nothing was as suitable. He therefore recommended that the Board commit to DuPage Expo. Although we are in the third year of the current contract, by renegotiating now Bob obtained a substantial reduction in the site rental, as well as reductions in room rates at the Hilton Garden. The Board agreed that Bob should proceed with a new contract. Les Kent moved; Tom Dressing seconded.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance**

The committee will look into allowing credit card payments at tournaments. The committee will also look into the purchase of autoscorers.

### **Contracts and Sites**

WinterFest will move to Chevy Chase Country Club in 2012. Tom Dressing will chair.

### **Scheduling** (Suzi Subeck for Adrienne Cohen)

*Regionals:* The nightly single-session Swiss Team games will become stratified and continuous. Gold Rush Pair games will be held on the Saturdays at 2:00 and 7:30 in place of Stratiflighted Pairs; there will be no I/N game opposite the Gold Rush games. A two-session Swiss Team game will replace the KO's that currently begin on the Thursdays. Late night games during Central States are cancelled.

*Sectionals:* All three games on the Labor Day and FallFest Fridays will be Pair/Team games. Friday start times for Labor Day will be 10:00 and 2:30. There are no changes to the WinterFest schedule.

The committee suggests that the conditions of contest for the IP game be broadened to include all District 13 Regionals. The first place winners in a Flight C event (not I/N) are also eligible.

### **Communications** (Suzi Subeck)

Suzi suggested that the Board try a direct e-mail service instead of returning to snail mail only. The cost for such a service is about \$140. We will try a service for one year. The Club "Results of game" page that goes directly to players will carry an announcement when the Kibitzer is ready, and club owners will be asked to announce at their games that "the Kibitzer is out."

Tom Dressing needs tournament flyers for the website. He reminded the Board that he will put up any Bridge-related notice on the website; he would appreciate receiving "ready to post" notices. The flyer for the District 8 June Regional will not be on our website.

### **GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS**

Registration is open; the deadline is Friday, February 25.

### **OTHER**

Les Kent stated that there is a significant savings in shipping costs if Convention Cards are ordered in bulk (there is no quantity discount).

Les Kent moved to adjourn the meeting; Jan Churchwell seconded.

Next meeting: Monday, April 11.

Jan Churchwell  
Secretary

### **RECAP OF MOTIONS**

**Approval of Minutes:** Les Kent moved, Lynne Rosenbaum seconded.

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:** Jan Churchwell moved, Les Kent seconded.

**Enter into new three-year contract for SummerFest:** Les Kent moved, Tom Dressing seconded.

**Adjournment:** Les Kent moved, Jan Churchwell seconded.