

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 12, 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	Suzi Subeck	Tom Sucher	Susan Fox
Ginny Schuett			

Absent: Jody Wadhwa

Also present: Jim Chiszar

**First Business: Ratification of Minutes**

**Adrienne Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes of April 3, 2006. Seconded by Tom Sucher. The motion carried.**

**Treasurer's report (Dressing)**

Tom distributed copies of the CCBA operating budget as of May 31, 2006. Including the unassigned advertising costs of \$6,372 and the special grant of \$7,200 for the nationals, we are close to budget for 2006. Cash on hand as of 5-31 is roughly \$50,000 with a \$60,000 CD coming due in the next few weeks.

**Motion by Tom Sucher to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Adrienne Cohen. The motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**I/N Seminar with Speakers (Clark)**

Angie reports that this initiative is a work in process. She and Tom Sucher will be planning this as to what forum to use and how much to charge per event. This topic is tabled until at least end of 2006 or first quarter 2007.

### **Board Vacancies (Goldstein)**

John Goldstein reports that we still have one vacancy on the CCBA board. This person will be replacing Bob Ward, who resigned at the end of 2005. There are now two potential candidates mentioned by John; the Board gives John full support in appointing the best candidate. John will report back to the Board at our next meeting in August.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Mileage for Caddies (Fox)**

Susan reports that securing caddies for the Lake Geneva tournaments is still problematic. After some Board discussion on this topic it was decided that Susan will take this to the Finance committee and report back to the Board at the August meeting.

#### **By-Laws (Dressing, Goldstein)**

Goldstein reports that this topic concerns the legal definition of money movement as defined in our current by-laws. For example, what now constitutes “checks signed by two certified board members” might now be changed or amended to allow wire transfers and online payments from our checking accounts. Adrienne Cohen and Tom Sucher volunteered to do some research on what is needed to adjust our by-laws in this area. They will also look at what is considered legal communications with the membership, per our current by-laws.

#### **Kibitzer (Goldstein)**

John informs the Board that it currently costs about \$12,000 annually to publish the Kibitzer. This amount includes creating the documents and postage. The questions put to the Board are as follows:

- (1) After the departure of the current editor as of 12-31-2006, do we want to continue this publication?
- (2) If the answer is yes, do we want to continue to publish it in its current format? Should it be reduced in size and number of mailings per year; should it be sent to the membership by mail or electronically?

This is a topic that needs to be addressed; Board members are encouraged to give this serious thought, as well as take informal polls of players over the next few months so that a decision can be made regarding future publications of the Kibitzer.

### **Results from 299'er Sectional (Clark)**

Angie reports that this tournament made \$15.00. The American Legion site where this tournament has been sited for the past years has been sold. Angie and Tom Sucher will discuss possible new sites on the north shore. Angie suggests to the Board that this tournament be cut to once a year at some central location. More on this when details become available.

### **Results from ABA/CCBA Sectional (Chadwell)**

Frank reports that this tournament almost broke even. Many attendees from the CCBA Board. Thanks to all who brought desserts. There was a problem with getting the events started on time...it is believed that the problem was in selling entries. Frank will take this up with his ABA partner, Rita Mitchell. It is time to begin to agree on a date for next year's tournament. We will work to not have this opposite the World Wide Pairs game in 2007.

### **2006 Summer Nationals (Addis)**

Jackie reports that events are "coming together" for the nationals. Jackie distributes flyers for the IN games at the nationals for Board members to get distributed at local clubs. The AARP will be coming to the nationals to meet some of our members; they will be sponsoring a luncheon. The ACBL expectation for this nationals is roughly 13,000 tables. Parking will be problematic; the first 300 cars in the Hyatt garage each day will get a \$20 rate. Angie shares with the Board the working "treatment" to be presented by Second City.

### **Building Better Unit Boards Meeting at Nationals (Goldstein)**

John distributes a letter to the Board from Linda Mamula, chairman of the ACBL Board of Governors. Linda is serving on an ACBL committee charged with developing a new template for unit bylaws. Upon going to the CCBA website, Linda found our committee handbook, and refers to it as "...a blueprint for running a unit efficiently." During the Chicago Nationals on July 19, 2006, at 9AM, Linda and Jim Miller of ACBL staff will be presenting a seminar on "Building Better Unit Boards". Linda is asking that some of our board members attend this seminar, and to bring a copy of our committee handbook. Suzi Subeck will be responsible for this.

### **Harmon Wilkes Committee (Goldstein)**

Angie Clark has volunteered to chair this committee for 2006.

### **Nominating Committee (Goldstein)**

Carl Sharp has volunteered to chair this committee for 2006.

## **Upcoming Tournaments (Goldstein)**

Next tournament is the Labor Day sectional; Kay Hathaway, chair.

Next tournament will be FallFest sectional; Tom Sucher, chair

Next tournament will be Central States regional; Ginny Schuett, chair.

Next tournament will be WinterFest sectional; Jackie Addis, chair. (Jan Churchwell will work with Jackie on this tournament to get hands-on training for running a future tournament.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance (Dressing)**

No report

### **Tournament Oversight (Addis)**

Jackie tells the board of the recent difficulty in obtaining a site for our 299'er tournament. Clark and Sucher will be working on this; more info when it becomes available.

### **Contracts (Sucher)**

Tom reports that contracts are signed with the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights for WinterFest, 2007 and SummerFest 2007. Contracts with the Grand Geneva for Central States are done through 2010. There are three STACS set for 2007. There is a scheduling problem for the North American Pairs site on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Doubletree. There is an ABA sectional scheduled for Labor Day weekend 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield.

### **Caddies (Fox)**

No Report.

### **Scheduling (Sharp)**

Carl reports that this committee will be meeting soon. No flighted or strata-flighted events are to be scheduled at our CCBA/ABA sectionals in the futures.

### **Hospitality (Hathaway)**

Kay reports that she will have the boxed chicken dinner again on Sunday at the upcoming

Labor Day sectional. She will be meeting soon with Christie regarding hospitality at the upcoming Central States regional. The Seniors luncheon there was very popular at our recent March Madness regional.

### **Communications (Goldstein)**

John reports that ads for Central States will run in the ACBL Bulletin as follows: 1/6<sup>th</sup> page beginning in July and running through October. Flyers have been mailed out for the Labor Day, 2006, Central States 2006, and FallFest, 2006 tournaments. The CCBA will have in the Daily Bulletin at the Chicago nationals (free of charge) banner ad everyday except the last Monday which will be approx. 10 inches by 2 inches and which will advertise Central States plus the two sectionals.

### **Juniors/Education (Schuett)**

Ginny reports there will be teachers accreditation at the upcoming nationals. Dates are July 12-14; fee is \$125.00. Two of our local Juniors are going to Thailand later this year to compete in the Juniors world championships; namely Sam Katz and Dan Goldfein.

### **Newcomers (Clark)**

No report.

### **Site (Sucher)**

No report.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2006, at the Brauer House in Hillside, Illinois.

### **RECAP OF MOTIONS:**

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**RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS:**

John Goldstein will interview two possible candidates for the CCBA board and report to the board at our August meeting.

Susan Fox will go to the Finance committee with the caddies mileage issue and report to the board at our August meeting.

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.

Frank Chadwell will work with Rita Mitchell of the ABA to secure a date for our combined sectional for 2007. An attempt will be made not to coincide with the World Pair event in June.

Suzi Subeck will attend the upcoming "Building Better Unit Boards" seminar at the nationals. She will take a copy of the CCBA committee handbook with her to this seminar.

Respectfully submitted,

**Frank Chadwell**

Secretary, CCBA

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