

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2006**

President John Goldstein called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:00PM at the Brauer House restaurant in Hillside, Illinois. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

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

Absent: Kay Hathaway and Jody Wadhwa

Also present: Jim and Patty Chiszar; Harriette Buckman and Rick Mueller

First Business:

Ratification of Minutes

Tom Sucher made a motion to accept the minutes of August 7, 2006. Seconded by Adrienne Cohen. The motion carried.

At this time Rick Mueller addressed the full board regarding his job performance as a director. To contact Rick via e-mail, his address is "chirick11@yahoo.com". For more on this see NEW BUSINESS / Director-in-Charge report by John Goldstein.

Treasurer's /Finance Committee Report

Treasurer's Report (Dressing) /Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Tom distributed copies of the CCBA operating budget as of September 30, 2006. According to Tom, annual income is relatively on target. We are expecting a loss of \$24,000 for 2006. Tom expects there to be a cash balance of \$110,000 as of 12-31-2006. The Summer STAC will net ~\$2500. The Labor Day tournament was \$900 over budget for space rental, with hospitality \$1100 under budget. Net table count was plus one over 2005. Tournament chairs for 2007 are encouraged to look at the budget and inform Tom of any adjustments before our

December meeting. Tom suggests that we do an inventory of our card tables in the next few months to anticipate replacement costs.

Motion by Jackie Addis to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Carl Sharp. The motion carried.

At this time John Goldstein circulated a letter from the Alzheimer's Association thanking District 13 (\$5,000.00) and Unit 123 (\$10,000.00) for the contribution made at the Nationals in July, 2006.

John also reminds the full board that nominations for officers of the CCBA for 2007 are due to Patty Chiszar before our next meeting on December 18.

OLD BUSINESS

Results from Labor Day tournament (Hathaway)

In Kay's absence Tom Dressing reported on this in the treasurer's report. Jim Chiszar suggests a schedule adjustment for 2007 at this tournament; namely to run a three-session KO on Sunday, with 9AM, 1PM and 7:30PM start times.

Harmon Wilkes Committee (Clark)

Angie reports that an announcement about the Wilkes award was placed in the recent Kibitzer. This award should be "talked up" with club owners in the next few weeks so that more nominations might be submitted by our December meeting. The ad will also run in the next issue of the Kibitzer.

Nominating Committee (Sharp)

Carl reports that the nominating committee met on Sunday, October 8, 2006, at the home of Harriette and Fred Buckman. The nominating committee recommendation to the CCBA board for 2007 is as follows:

Retain Angie Clark, Frank Chadwell and John Goldstein for three year terms.

Ask Blyth Findley and Les Kent to join the board, and appoint Selma Perlmutter to finish the term of a director who left the board in the past year.

The nominating committee encourages the board to bring on Jean Faeth if there is a vacancy in the next year.

D & O Insurance (Goldstein)

John informs that board that we now have directors and officers insurance as provided by the ACBL. This insurance is in addition to our existing coverage and not in lieu of; it was also noted that this insurance also covers any volunteers working on behalf of the CCBA .

Search for Board Administrator (Addis)

Jackie chaired this committee, along with Suzi Subeck and Ginny Schuett. Patty Chiszar also joined in an advisory capacity. There were four (4) applicants. The committee's recommendation to the board for this position is Kathy Burt. There will be five or six weeks of overlap before Patty's departure for training, which should be on or around December 31, 2006. This position will pay \$13,000 annually, based on a 12 hour work week. Once Kathy gets fully trained she will inform the board as to what hours during the week she will be accessible by telephone.

The editorship of the Kibitzer will be discussed at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Director-in-Charge (Goldstein)

John reports that David Cotterman will be the DIC for our upcoming WinterFest sectional. Ron Johnston will be DIC for all regionals in 2007. It is decided that a formal letter be directed to Chris Patrias (supervisor of Rick Mueller). This letter will articulate our ideas and opinions on how Rick can move to the level of director-in-charge, as well as explaining the decision of the CCBA Board to not have Rick serve as DIC at this time. Frank Chadwell and Jim Chiszar will put together a document to give to John Goldstein regarding the Board's thoughts on Rick. John will then draft a letter to Chris Patrias, with a copy going to Rick Mueller.

New Board Member Mentoring (Goldstein)

John Goldstein informs the board that he intends to institute the "mentoring" program, whereby new board members will be mentored by a seasoned board member". Tom Sucher, Adrienne Cohen, Angie Clark and Suzi Subeck volunteered to be mentors. John will have informal discussions with both new board members and mentors after six months or so. Also beginning in

2007, there will be an “apprentice” assigned to every tournament chair so that more board members can gain the experience of running tournaments.

ACBL Update (Buckman)

Barons Barclay has bought the ACBL store. Members will still get a 10% discount when buying from Barons Barclay.

There have been revisions in the ACBL disciplinary codes. This removes the “conduct” portion of what we refer to as “conduct and ethics” from the unit boards. The ACBL will now handle conduct problems. Ethical issues will still be handled at the unit level through the use of recorder reports.

The retention rate of first year members at the ACBL is 65%. If members are retained for three years they generally stay as members for life.

Books in Storage (P Chiszar)

Patty and Jim went through the books that the CCBA has in storage. The ACBL chose the books they wanted for their library in Memphis. Most of these books are pre-1970. The board agrees with Patty to contact Jacob Morgan and attempt to sell the remainder of these books, with Morgan and the board sharing proceeds 50%-50%. Any left over books would be donated to an appropriate entity.

Bridge Supplies (P Chiszar)

With the sale of the ACBL store comes a change in how we handle bridge supplies for tournaments. At this time our supply carrier is Rick Mueller, who would like to continue to do this task. Rick will be in charge of all our tournament supplies and the delivery of such supplies to each tournament. The Finance committee will draft a “letter of expectations” for this job. John Goldstein will review the letter.

Motion by Clark to have Mueller continue handling our supplies, with the CCBA paying Rick ninety five cents per table from each tournament for this job. Seconded by Schuett. The motion passed.

December Board Meeting (Goldstein)

John requests that the current date of the December board meeting be moved from December 4 to December 18, 2006. Location will be same, at the home of Angie Clark in Glenview. There will be a gift exchange, with gift amounts not to exceed \$15. Dinner will be put together by all board members...talk to Angie about what to contribute (money or food).

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Status of upcoming Central States Tournament (Schuett)

Ginny reports that this year's tournament in Lake Geneva will be in two ballrooms, and not in the forum. The price paid to have concessions will be \$250 per session; any food purchased will be credited against this price; we get food back in-kind when we don't meet the minimum \$250. The room nights guaranteed are looking good. Kay requests that the hospitality desk hours be posted for the membership. Also a completed bill will be made available by the Grand Geneva on Saturday before the end of the tournament.

Status of upcoming FallFest Tournament (Sucher)

Jim Chiszar and Susan Fox state that caddies are set for this tournament. The board will address a 2007 contract for this site after we access attendance at the tournament.

Status of upcoming WinterFest 2007 Tournament (Addis/Churchwell)

Jackie says all is shaping up for this tournament. A copy of the menu for the membership dinner is now available and will be posted in the Kibitzer. The cost of the dinner will be \$20 per person with the CCBA paying the remainder of the \$45 per plate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (Dressing)

Tom reports that 1400 copies of the 2007 CCBA calendar are being proofed before printing. Cost for these is ninety-five cents per calendar, totaling \$1,330. Advertising costs recovered for calendars is \$1,120. Most of these will be distributed at the Central States tournament in Lake Geneva.

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

Jackie passes the tournament box to Ginny for the upcoming Central States tournament.

Contracts (Sucher)

No report.

Caddies (Fox)

Caddies set for Central States and FallFest tournaments.

Scheduling (Sharp)

Carl and Patty report that all 2007 flyers are set and ready for approval.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

Susan reports that Kay appreciated the flowers the board sent after her recent surgery.

Communications (Goldstein)

No Report

Juniors/Education (Schuett)

Ginny reports that more schools may be coming into the bridge program. The first Saturday in November is the next competition. There should be an educational/teachers program of some kind put into the schedule for Central States 2007.

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 Fox. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 18, 2006, at the home of Angie Clark, in Glenview, Illinois.

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Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell
Secretary, CCBA
Unit 123