The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Ton Dressing. Present and
constituting a quorum were

Jan Churchwell        Todd Fisher        Phil McPeek        Joe Stokes
Adrienne Cohen        Guy Franklin        Mark Stein        Suzi Subeck
Jim Diebel            Craig Gardner

Not present: Genny Cesario, Mark Friedlander, Loring Knoblauch, Bob Young

MINUTES
The Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 17, 2018 were approved unanimously.
The Minutes of the special Board Meeting of January 19, 2019 were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S OPENING REMARKS
President Tom Dressing welcomed the Board and emphasized the necessity of getting the CCBA
Regionals under control, beginning with finding suitable sites and signing contracts so that
scheduling and publicity can move ahead. At the moment, we have no contract for either
Windy City or Central States and no site for Central States.

Tom handed out Committee assignments for 2019 (copy attached). He included his name in
parenthesis where he wishes to be a full committee member, not just ex officio. He would like
Chairs to hold some in-person meetings rather than relying solely on e-mail and phones.

He asked whether anyone on the Board could assist him in managing the website. Phil McPeek
volunteered.

Tom also pointed out that the Agenda includes suggested dates when Chairs might hold regular
meetings during months when Board meetings are NOT scheduled. These are not required
dates; they are suggestions options.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Craig passed out copies of the WinterFest Income/Expense Report and reviewed it with the
Board. He suggested that ALL Board members should review the Tournament Financials and
consider how various expenses might be better controlled. For instance, while Director-related
expenses aren’t very flexible, the number of Directors hired for a tournament might be
adjustable. Suzi Subeck said that the ACBL suggests one Director per 18 tables.

The report shows a bottom line loss for WinterFest of $3198, but Tom said that some recently
received expenses made that total $4877.

The Board approved the budget for the May I/N Tournament, including an increase in
Hospitality to $800 per Tournament Chair Guy Franklin’s request.
The full 2019 Budget will be approved at the April Board meeting.

Tom thanked Craig for going over an important feature of the Financial Reports and asked him to include a written report going forward. The Board unanimously approved the report.

TOURNAMENTS

**WinterFest (Tom Dressing):** The site is a good one for us, the staff is easy to work with, and hospitality/food are easy to arrange. Despite all these plus factors, table count was down over 60 tables from 2018. While weather undoubtedly played a part, it can’t be confirmed that it was the only factor.

**Windy City (Bob Young):** Tom expressed serious concern over the lack of information and settled arrangements for the tournament. He asked Suzi to chair the Site Committee and begin researching alternate sites. A firm contract and flyer must be in place by the April meeting or the tournament cannot take place as scheduled. Jan mentioned that she has received half a dozen requests from out-of-towners wanting information about nearby hotels.

**Stars of Tomorrow (Guy Franklin):** Guy said the tournament is on track.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Tom repeated the request he had made before the meeting that Committee Chairs submit written reports in advance of Board meetings. He also said that if anyone is on a committee s/he doesn’t want to be on or vice-versa, s/he should talk to the appropriate Chair.

OLD BUSINESS

**Arbitration Policy Documentation:** Tom asked Jan to talk to Peter about adding arbitration language to our Tournament Entry Form. It is also necessary to add the Policy language to the By-laws on the website.

**Tables:** When Jan and Stan Subeck went to Distinctive Deliveries to oversee the transfer of CCBA and USBF property to Eagle Storage, they did a rough count of the tables. There were about 130 (the last time a count was done, there were over 200). All the tables will be delivered to Lake Geneva for the District Regional so a firm count can be made, and we can decide whether to replace any.

NEW BUSINESS

The manager at Eagle Storage said that some of our pallets for table storage are in bad shape. She can replace the worst for $79; the cost will be added to the next monthly billing. The Board approved the purchase.

**I/N Invitational Pairs Game**

Tom suggested that a “limited” IP-style game might be an event that would interest players who don’t qualify for the existing IP game. Holding it during FallFest was suggested.
CCBA Calendar
The Board expressed interest in bringing back the CCBA Pocket Calendar.

COMMITTEES
Communications/Marketing: (Suzi Subeck) Suzi was told that Jamie Rubenstein had expressed interest during WinterFest about working with the CCBA on marketing. She will talk to him and Don Joseph.

Juniors/Education: (Joe Stokes)
Joe reminded the Board that Katherine Rehak, who has run a Bridge program at Whitney Young for many years, will be moving away at the end of this academic year. Another teacher is willing to sponsor the program, but she would welcome help from more experienced players. Guy Franklin has been helping out for awhile now, as have other members of the Chicago Duplicate Club. Mark Stein also expressed interest.

Mark will also talk to Kunal Pujara at New Trier who may be interested in sponsoring a club.

OTHER BUSINESS
The April Board meeting needs to be changed to April 1. Jan will talk to the Manager at JourneyCare.

Adrienne will get 2020 and 2021 tournament Sanctions. She will also take over from Tom as STaC Coordinator (she is already the Coordinator for the District STaCs)

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

Next meeting: April 1 at JourneyCare

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

Motion to accept December Minutes passed
Motion to accept January Minutes passed
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report passed