

CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Loring Knoblauch. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Jan Churchwell	Guy Franklin	Steve McConnell	Joe Stokes
Joe Connelly	Sarik Goyal	Jamie Rubenstein	Suzi Subeck
Betsy Downs	Box Maxson	Mark Stein	

Absent: Bill Anspach, Phyllis Bartlett.
Also present: Peter Wilke.

President's Statement: Mark Stein resigned as President; Vice President Loring Knoblauch will serve as President until the next election (to be held in January, 2024). The next meeting will be Thursday, August 3, 7:00 pm, at the Glen View Club. The meeting will be in hybrid format.

MINUTES (Jan Churchwell)

Guy Franklin moved to approve the Minutes of the special meeting held April 30. Motion passed unanimously.

SANCTION COMMITTEE (Jan Churchwell)

Summary: Jan Churchwell reported for the ad hoc Sanction Committee, which had been formed to review the feasibility of granting a Sanction to Tom Dressing to hold a private Silver Sectional tournament. The committee had discussed objections made by former President Stein; Peter Wilke had been consulted (including joining a Zoom call).

Recommendations to the Board:

1. Approve in principle that Units can grant Sanctions to private clubs.
2. If (1) is approved, authorize the committee to set procedures for approving private Sanctions.
3. Update the Operation Manual to include responsibility for private Sanctions. A permanent committee could be established or responsibility could be given to a current standing committee.
4. Expand the scope of the Sanction Committee to include tournament scheduling (or assign its role to a current standing committee) and authorize the committee to schedule 2024 tournament immediately.
5. Do something to help clubs for the August STaC.

All recommendations were approved by the Board, and the Sanction Committee was reconstituted as the Tournament Oversight Committee with Jan Churchwell as chair; Phyllis Bartlett, Betsy Downs, Steve McConnell, and Suzi Subeck are members. The committee will create a list of terms to which Tom Dressing must agree in order for the CCBA to request a Sanction. If agreement is reached, the committee will get the Sanction. Peter Wilke said he would continue to help as needed.

In order for a Sanction to be granted in time for an October tournament, an agreement must be signed by mid-July (ACBL rules require that tournaments be on the *Bulletin* Calendar for at least 2 issues).

Tom Dressing had requested a second Sanction for June, 2024. Peter Wilke said that Sanction would probably not be approved because NAP games at the clubs have priority from June through August.

Assistance to Clubs at August STaC: After discussion, Joe Stokes moved that the CCBA **underwrite** all STaC fees for U123 STaCs in 2023 **and give any profit to participating CCBA clubs**. Motion passed with 1 No vote. Peter Wilke pointed out that this would require two sets of Conditions of Contest since all Units in District 13 are invited to participate.

Current Tournament Calendar:

FallFest is scheduled for October 23-25 at Temple Beth El; the contract has not yet been signed.

Central States is scheduled for December 11-14; there is no Sanction on the ACBL website, nor is there a signed contract.

The Annual Meeting could be scheduled with WinterFest on January 23-25 (Tuesday-Thursday) or January 27-28 (Saturday-Sunday) if a site can be found. The Board would like to see the meeting and tournament combined again if possible.

SITE COMMITTEE (Suzi Subeck)

Countryside Church in Palatine may be another viable site for the CCBA.

Volunteers are needed for the Nationals next month.

AWARDS COMMITTEE (Loring Knoblauch)

Nominees for the Harmon Wilkes and Gran Sportsmanship Awards are needed.

EDUCATION AND I/N COMMITTEE (Guy Franklin)

The committee will meet via zoom on July 31 to discuss scheduling an I/N Tournament for Spring, 2024, and to look at other ways in which the CCBA might encourage newcomers (including students) to play F2F.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Suzi Subeck)

The website revisions look good. Kudos to Sarik Goyal.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Suzi Subeck)

Treasurer Connelly will email Tom Dressing's Budget from December, 2018 to the Board.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE (Betsy Downs)

The update survey is on hold. Betsy will contact Tom Dressing to get tracking data for past years. Retrieving desired information is still confusing (one person finds something, another cannot find the same thing). There were no articles about Longest Day games.

Developing articles is not the responsibility of the Website Committee (including the Webmaster). Betsy will let clubs owners know they should send publicity information to the Communications Committee.

BY-LAWS REVISION (Bill Anspach)

No suggestions or comments had been received.

OLD BUSINESS

A Board member is still being sought. Guy Franklin will invite Jim Abbott.

Bob Maxson will chair the Nominating Committee; Mark Stein and Steve McConnell volunteered to serve. Jan Churchwell will send procedure information to Bob.

NEW BUSINESS

Jan Churchwell said former Board member Mark Friedlander, who is involved with arbitration for the ACBL, referred a contact to her who wishes to get individual clubs signed up for arbitration too.

Dennis Carman, Regional Director for Districts 12, 13, and 14, has sanctioned a "Royal STaC" for September 25-October 1.

Next Board Meeting: August 3, 2023, 7:00 pm, Glen View Club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

The Tournament Oversight Committee will create terms for a private Sanction that Tom Dressing must agree to in order for the Sanction to be requested.

The Tournament Oversight Committee will request Sanctions for 2024 Tournaments as soon as possible.

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Guy Franklin moved to accept the Minutes of the April 30, 2023 special Board Meeting; motion passed unanimously.

Joe Stokes moved to underwrite all STaC fees for U123 clubs in 2023; motion passed by majority vote (one No vote).