

# **Chicago Contract Bridge Association Board of Directors Meeting January 6, 2001**

**Attending board members:** Lavern Wiebe, Kay Hathaway, Gary Cohler, Jackie Addis, Ginny Schuett; Rich Gabriel, Ann Mackrovich, Frank Chadwell, Pat Goldfein, Len Myers. **Also attending:** Jim Chiszar, Patty Chiszar

The meeting was held at Elmhurst.

Jackie Addis called the meeting to order at 10:10 P.M. There was a quorum.

Jackie passed a signup sheet around for committees this year.

## **Minutes of Oct 23, 2000**

Motion to accept the minutes: Accept

Moved: Gary Cohler; Seconded: Len Myers; Passed

Motion: to put minutes up on web site.

Moved: Len Myers; Seconded: Frank Chadwell; Passed.

## **Treasurers Report- Gabriel**

The budget discussion was deferred until later in the meeting.

### **Redundant information**

There was a discussion about whether we were receiving duplicate information from Jerry and from Patty/Rich. Rich wants Patty to have the authority to not provide duplicate information to the board. The board concurred.

### **Tournament Results**

- Southland Sectional: \$2,715 was THE loss on 214 tables.
- Central States 11 took in over \$25,000; it was \$9,000 over budget.
- We lost \$5,000 in 2000; we were budgeted to lose over \$12,000.
- Tournament income was up \$6,000 in 2000.
- G&A expenses were down \$5,000 in costs.
- Communication committee costs were down \$3,500.

Motion: to accept the treasurer's report.

Moved: Pat Goldfein; Seconded: Kay Hathaway; Passed

## **Old Business:**

### **Cell phone**

- The cost of our current package is \$99 per month plus taxes.
- The phone does not work west of #59 and is in for testing.
- The phone was on roaming in Lake Geneva. This is bad.
- Verizon will let us out of our contract if the phone does not work when it is returned.
- The other phone is still active. It will be cancelled as soon as the cell phone is working properly.

Motion: Patti wants permission to drop the Verizon contract if it does not work and go to ATT.

Moved: Ginny Schuett; Seconded: Frank Chadwell; passed.

### **Web Page Partnership Database (Wiebe)**

It should be up before Winterfest. An announcement will be made at the Annual Meeting Dinner. There was a discussion of whether a flyer should also be distributed at that time. One will be made up and distributed at Winterfest.

### **Cell Phone Policy (Buckman)**

- There was a discussion of exactly what the policy is, whether to adopt the policy and what the penalty should be if someone breaks it.

- Gary asked whether it is directed towards ringing/vibrating or answering. It is ringing or answering in the bridge area.

Motion: to provide a warning after first offense in a tournament, then a match point/imp deduction in accordance with ACBL policy. A third deduction would result in them being asked to leave. Moved: Ginny Schuett; Seconded Len Myers; Passed

#### **Office Committee (Buckman/Addis)**

- Jackie distributed her report. There was a discussion. The ACBL may not want the books donated as the report recommends.
- There was a discussion about the appropriate mailing address in the absence of an office. A permanent post office box will be established.

Motion: to accept the report to give Harriette and Pat the discretion to handle books and trophies.

Moved: Gary Cohler; Seconded Ginny Schuett; Passed.

Motion: to open an appropriate post office mailing address in the Naperville area ASAP.

Moved: Rich Gabriel; Seconded Ginny Schuett; Passed

Motion: to make the CCBA office legally located at the home of the unit administrator.

Moved: Len Myers; Seconded; Pat Goldfein; Passed

#### **CCBA/ABA Joint Tournament (Buckman/Sharp)**

It is still under discussion. There will have to be a marketing push for this to work. Carl and Harriette will continue to work the issue.

#### **Status of Trophies/Award Plaques (All/Chiszar)**

Novice trophies are available.

Action item: Lavern will pick them up.

### ***New Business:***

#### **District 13 Report (Buckman)**

Harriette provided a written report.

#### **Tournament Schedules (Chadwell)**

Frank submitted a report. The summer Midsummer Madness tournaments had major schedule changes.

#### **299er Sectional**

The 299er tournament schedule was accepted.

#### **Labor Day Sectional.**

Stratification was moved from 750 to 1000. There must be a playoff for  $\frac{3}{4}$

Motion: to table any discussion about playoff until the next meeting. Moved: Pat Goldfein. Passed

Motion: to approve the remainder of the Labor Day Sectional schedule. Passed

#### **Summerfest**

- There was a lengthy discussion based on significant changes.
- The move was getting back to the 1:30 (1?) and 7:30 times.
- A BAM was also added.
- The Saturday IN schedule times will be adjusted to coordinate with the other events.
- There was a discussion of whether Friday should be 2 or 3 flights.

Motion: to approve Summerfest as revised.

Moved: Len Myers; Seconded Rich Gabriel; Passed

Ginny asked the IN stuff to be in a separate location on the flyer from other events. She suggested that maybe it should be on the back page. Action item: Patty will experiment with a distinct IN information location.

Action item: Patty will look into 11x14 flyers.

**GNTs – Pat G.**

- The GNTs are going to 4 flights from 3.
- The district will run the open flight and championship flight. It will be held at the same time as the 299er tournament.
- Flight B and C will have unit finals March 3 and 4.
- Flight A will have a new playing site. It will be at Willow and 94 at the North Shore Senior Center.
- There was a discussion of whether to switch the GNT site and the 299er site. They are at the same time, and we have both sites reserved.

**(Note: we were not able to switch the sites on these two tournaments because of time constraints. The following motion will not come about.)**

Motion: to swap sites between the 299er and GNT sites. Pat and Harriette will have discretion.

Moved: Frank Chadwell

Seconded: Ginny Schuett

Passed

The 299er sectional will be at the senior site.

**Elections**

The following people announced they were running.

- Tom is announcing for President.
- Jackie is announcing for Vice-President.
- Rich is announcing for Treasurer.
- Lavern is announcing for Secretary.

There were no other nominations.

The slate will be presented at the Winterfest meeting.

Len announced his name is Myers, not Meyers.

***Chairman's Reports:***

**Tournament Oversight Jackie**

She has a new method of tracking caddies. All tournament chairs should have one. Jackie will hand out the appropriate form to each chair. She also has a uniform set of protocols for all tournaments.

**Scheduling**

No additional report

**Communications**

No report

**Juniors/Education**

Ginny reported. There were two school competitions. Tom directed. The first went well. The second is unknown. Angie went above and beyond with the kids and is to be commended.

**Membership**

No report, only a delivery to Carl

**Novice**

The dinner went well in Lake Geneva.

**Site**

No report.

**Executive Session:**

An Executive Session was held.

**Budget**

- Rich distributed an update to the original budget. There was a long discussion.
- A number of changes were made to the updated budget that was distributed.
- There was an additional loss for the Southland sectional.

Motion: Line items that are more than 15% over budget and over \$100 should have a line item explanation.

Moved: Gary Cohler; Seconded: Frank Chadwell; Passed.

**Entry Fee Increase**

- There was a discussion of a motion to increase Sectionals \$1 per session and regionals \$2.
- Jackie asked people to drop the \$1 increase per person per table for the STAC "tournaments".
- That would make the fees \$9 for sectionals (\$ increase), \$12 for regionals (\$2 increase), and no increase for STACs.

Moved: Pat Goldfein; Seconded: Frank Chadwell; Passed

The new tournament fees will be effective after Winterfest.

Motion: to add \$1 extra to sectionals except for STACs for a \$2 increase to \$10:

Moved Len Myers; Seconded Ginny Schuett; Passed

Rich suggested that we should eliminate the Southland sectional.

Motion: to cancel the Southland sectional unless we have an ABA commitment to cosponsor by March 31.

Moved; Pat Goldfein; Seconded; Rich Gabriel; Passed

Motion to approve the budget as amended:

Moved Rich Gabriel; Seconded: Gary Cohler; Approved.

**Other:**

- Rich will renew the CDs at the appropriate rates.
- Mary Gardner wants to invite someone from the board to go to a meeting of the club owners and NAOPs. She is promoting the NAOPs.

Next Meeting: Winterfest dinner

February Meeting: February 19, 20001, Monday, Elmhurst Church, President's Day

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Lavern Wiebe, Secretary, Unit 123

**Summary of Action Items:**

- Place minutes on the Web Site.
- Resolve cell phone issue
- Put the CCBA cell phone policy in the Kibitzer
- Carl and Harriette continue to work with the ABA.
- Produce flyers for 299er Sectional, Labor Day Sectional, GNT, Midsummer Madness Regional. (done)
- Produce Partnership Flyer (partially done)
- Provide Board members with updated 2001 Budget
- Put the new Tournament Entry fee schedule in the Kibitzer.

**Summary of motions passed:**

- To approve the October 23, 2000 minutes.
- To approve the Treasurer's report.
- Motion to give Patty the authority to resolve the Cell Phone issue with Verizon and change carrier's.

- ❑ Cell Phone Policy: 1) To provide a warning after the first offense, 2) match point/IMP penalty deduction in accordance with ACBL Policy, 3) a third incident would result in player being asked to leave the tournament.
- ❑ Set up a permanent post office box.
- ❑ The Post Office box will be in Naperville.
- ❑ The CCBA office will be legally located at the home of the Unit Administrator.
- ❑ Motion to table any discussion about playoffs at Sectionals until the next meeting.
- ❑ Labor Day Schedule approved.
- ❑ 299er Sectional Schedule approved.
- ❑ Midsummer Madness Schedule approved.
- ❑ The 2001 Budget was approved.
- ❑ Entry Fees at Tournaments to be raised: \$12 for Golf Point Tournaments and \$10 for Silver Point Tournaments with the exception of STAC's.
- ❑ Elimination of the Southland tournament unless we have a commitment from the ABA to co-sponsor this event. Deadline for receiving word from the ABA is March 31, 2001.