

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.