

CCBA Board Meeting

7:00pm, Monday, August 20, 2001, First Cong. Church, Elmhurst.

Attending board members: Lavern Wiebe, Kay Hathaway, Angie Clark, Rich Gabriel, Tom Dressing, Anne Majchrowicz, Len Meyers, John Goldstein, Harriette Buckman. Carl Sharp, Frank Chadwell

Also attending: Patty Chiszar, Jim Kolb.

Called to order at 7:10 P.M. There was a quorum.

First Business:

Minutes of August 20, 2001

Move to approve the minutes as recorded

Moved: Angie; Seconded: Frank, Passed

Treasurers Report (Gabriel) –

- Rich discussed problems about discussing a preliminary budget before Central States results were known.
- He will give us a copy shortly after the regional results are in and we can discuss it in more detail in December. Any changes that occur after the December meeting can be made quickly.
- The board did not object to waiting until regional results were in.
There was a discussion of extending fiscal year for this year through January 31 1, and start the new fiscal year in February.
- Len asked what the quietest time of the year was. Rich suggested it should not be a factor in timing budget discussions.
- Carl supported moving the fiscal year to start February 1st.

Motion: To move the fiscal year to start February 1st.

Moved: Angie; Seconded: Harriette, Passed. **(Comment: This motion was later found to be illegal.)**

- Rich announced that he is not running for office for the next year. He thanked people for their support.
- We made 5200 in Labor Day Sectional.
- Rich went over our basic costs. Most of our costs are “fixed”, \$42000 out of approximately \$49000 or so.
- Cutting costs therefore has limited application.
- All our costs are fixed except hospitality.
- Any significantly increased site costs will have a dramatic effect on our budget.
- We have about 100,000 in cash, which is about 2 years G&A expenses. Rich felt that was enough cushion. We also have enough checks and balances in place to guard against large-scale monetary setbacks.
- Angie thanked Rich for his efforts.
- Rich predicted Lake Geneva will be up, since people will not want to travel.

- The CCBA has an old computer. Tom wants to donate it to a school. No one objected. John mentioned that we should try and get a tax deduction. It is an out of date 486.
Action item: The computer has been donated to the Disable Veterans Association. They update and repair computers and give to children in need.
- Ann gave Patty her e-mail address. Z4020@excite@home.com. Several members expressed skepticism about whether such an address is possible. Action item: Ann will verify the accuracy of her e-mail address.
- Angie talked with Richard Strauss about his desire to direct at tournaments. He agreed he did not want to direct. Angie pointed out that when he directs he should try and portray a better attitude toward the ACBL.
- Harriette asked that we take out her winter e-mail address.
Action item: Patty will take out Harriette's winter e-mail address from the contact list.
- Jim Kolb showed up.

Old Business:

- Nominating Committee 2001 – Goldstein. Harriette Frank and John and the 4 members at large met and are slating Bob Ward and Len Meyers and Lavern and Jim Kolb, Carl.
There were two other candidates who were not slated. Pat Chatta, new from Boston, and Ralph Hoffman.
Motion: To accept the slate presented by the Nominating committee.
Moved: Anne, Seconded: Rich, Passed.
- Southland Sectional turns into the Joint CCBA/ABA Tournament
There was a small meeting of 8 board members in Winnetka. We are moving the Sectional out to February or later. Alternate dates were discussed. April 6-7th is a possibility, but has not been discussed with the ABA. The board was supportive. Harriette discussed the tournament with ACBL. Our approach to sharing costs was supported by the senior brass.
Carl will call Bobby and try to get an OK for the date. Then we can advertise.
Alternate backup dates were discussed. April 13-14th were discussed. The conflict with Gatlinburg was felt to be minimal. **(NOTE: If the April 13-14 date is used Jim Chiszar (Gatlinburg) will not be available. Another director will need to be selected. In this area the only other eligible Director is Richard Strauss or Peter Wilke.)**
Action item: Carl will call Bobby (ABA) to get mutual approval on a date for the sectional.
- Site Discussion – Summerfest and Labor Day 2002
Summerfest and Labor Day were discussed.
Labor Day. Sportsplex wanted 1600 per day next year for both tournaments, double from this year. Jim K. did not think the rent was negotiable, so they started looking at alternate sites.
Drury Lane was \$6000 day.
Holiday Inn in Rosemont was 3000/day.
So far Jim has not found anything to beat the Sportsplex for the regional.
For the sectional they looked at the Learning Academy in Rolling Meadows. It has a gym where we can play. Len and Kolb looked it over. Playing area is air-conditioned. About 150 parking spaces. There is a kitchen facility. The rental is 50 a day.
The downside; there is no Friday morning game. Friday after 3 PM is fine.
Setup help would be an issue. The custodian could help. He can help with bathrooms and other things.
The custodian is 35 an hour. Bathroom space was an issue. There were only 4 stalls in the women's bathroom.
Rich suggested that we cancel Monday at the regional and save the day rental fees.

Motion: To book Darien Sportsplex for 2002 with Monday night upstairs, with schedule revised for Monday if possible.

Moved: Frank. Seconded: Angie, Passed

Motion: To get Rolling Meadows site for the Labor Day sectional for 3 years if possible.

Moved: Angie, Seconded: Frank, Passed

Kolb will deliver contract to Sportsplex. He can concentrate on 2003.

New Business:

- Budget 2002
This item was already discussed.
- Site Search Bonus – Wiebe
Lavern suggested paying money to help look for sites, and advertise the conditions.
Anne suggested that people were complaining about there not being a hotel near the regional and which had shuttle service. We should try and offer this. Frank noted that this might be easier next year without a car race.
Action item: We will try and get something in the next Kibitzer to advertise for help in coming up with appropriate sites.
No monetary reward will be mentioned.
Jim Kolb noted that there were no flyers at the GNT this year for any upcoming tournaments.
- Harman Wilkes Committee
Criteria for winning was discussed.
Action item: Harriette will look into possible Harmon Wilkes award candidates.
Action item: John will give Tom a list of previous winners.
- Declaration of Executive Candidates
The following people declared themselves as candidates:
Tom – Secretary
Lavern – Vice President
Len – Treasurer
Frank – President
No one else declared.
- STAC Schedule – CCBA Calendar
Calendar went to press today. It is 80 cents per calendar, which is basically what we are taking in via advertising. For next year Carl noted that we might want to solicit ads from ABA clubs. We will get them up to the Regional.
June 3-9 is when STAC is scheduled in the calendar. It conflicts with other events, so Tom moved it back.
The Madison regional for 2005 is close to our Chicago regional. Tom did not think it would affect our attendance, only theirs. Tom will say we have no problem at the District board meeting.

Chairman's Reports:

- Tournament Oversight
Kay discussed the possibility of a speakers program. The Friday night money game is an individual, with at least 100 for each flight. The free entry from Monday night will not be eligible for use in the money game.

Tom Sucher is having caddy problems. Especially during the day games, since we do not want to take people out of school. Angie suggested the name of an unemployed guy in Milwaukee named Dave.
Action item: Carl will get his number and name of the potential stand-by player who lives in Milwaukee, Dave.

- Scheduling
No meeting since the last meeting.
Action item: The scheduling committee is asked to look into more events for the 100-300 points crowd.
- Communications
Tom has been working on the 2002 calendar and signs for tournaments.
- Juniors
On November 10th there will be an event.
- Education
No report.
- Membership
Harriette will not pursue this if we are not getting any money for it.
- Novice
Anne noted that we don't have events in the 100-199 events. Guaranteed partners were discussed. This will be a problem in Lake Geneva. Carl is in charge for Lake Geneva. Angie suggested her friend Joyce. Carl noted that this guaranteed partner is also good for other flights too.
Action item: Tom will browse the computer database ACBL for possible guaranteed partners and report to Ann.
- Site
Site issues were discussed previously.

Harriette discussed getting records of checks written in the previous period. She would like to see greater fiscal responsibility. A check register should be available. The board got these reports at one point. Rich noted that he gets a report every month. He can include it in the treasurer's report. She asked in particular about phone usage, cell phone in particular.
Action item: The treasurer will reinstate the policy of getting records of checks written/cashed and delivering this to the board.

It was pointed out that the bylaws stipulate that the calendar year equal the fiscal year, so the earlier motion to change the fiscal year was illegal.
Action item: John will look into the logistics of changing the bylaws to change the time of the annual meeting. Jackie and Lavern will help.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Rich. Seconded: John.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 3, Harriette's home. Annual CCBA Board Christmas Party. Food details will be forthcoming. Unpack that gift from last year and bring to the party. Oh yes, snow is not invited.

List of action items:

- ❑ Ann will verify the accuracy of her e-mail address.
- ❑ Patty will take out Harriette's winter e-mail address from the contact list.
- ❑ Carl will call Bobby (ABA) to get mutual approval on a date for the sectional.
- ❑ We will try and get something in the next Kibitzer to advertise for help in coming up with appropriate sites.
- ❑ Harriette will look into possible Harmon Wilkes award candidates.
John will give Tom a list of previous winners of the Harmon Wilkes award.
- ❑ Carl will get his number and name of the potential stand-by player who lives in Milwaukee, Dave.
- ❑ The scheduling committee is asked to look into more events for the 100-300 points crowd.
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List of motions passed:

- ❑ Move to approve the minutes as recorded
- ❑ To move the fiscal year to start in February (later found to be illegal and thus nullified).
- ❑ To accept the slate presented by the Nominating committee.
- ❑ To book Darien Sportsplex for 2002 with Monday night upstairs, with schedule revised for Monday if possible.
- ❑ To get Rolling Meadows site for the Labor Day sectional for 3 years if possible.