

Chicago Contract Bridge Association

Board of Directors Meeting

February 19th, 2001

The following board members were present: Lavern Wiebe, Kay Hathaway, Ginny Schuett, Rich Gabriel, Ann Mackrovich, Frank Chadwell, Len Meyers. Carl Sharp, Rich Gabriel, Tom Dressing (late)
Also attending: Jim Chiszar, Patti Chiszar

The meeting was held at Elmhurst.

Lavern called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. There was a quorum.

Minutes

Motion to approve the January 6th minutes.

Moved: Len; Seconded: John Goldstein. Approved

Motion to approve the January 13th minutes

Moved: Len; Seconded: John G. Approved.

Cell phone

- The Verizon contract was terminated.
- The new contract is with ATT. We now have the entire U.S. and parts of Canada. Improved service over Verizon.
- We have a 1-year contract with 900 minutes per month. We can adjust up or down as needed at no charge.
- The contract is in the CCBA name.
- The office phone is forwarded to Patty's. It is now forwarded to a voice messaging service that has voice mail. The voice mail asks the caller to call the cell phone number. This service will stay in place until the end of April. There is no charge for this service for the first two months. After that time we can continue the service for \$14.95.

Action item: Patty will get Suzi to publish the new number in the Kibitzer.

Action item: Tom will update the web page accordingly.

Office shutdown

- We got out of the lease early without penalty.
- Books and trophies are at Jackson storage. Lavern has the fax machine. The office furniture was sold for \$150.

Action item: Rich and Patty will take inventory and do the lease termination.

Tom arrived and took over the chair.

Tom noted a typo in the January 6th minutes pertaining to gold master. The minutes will be corrected.

Joint CCBA/ABA tournament.

- Carl met with ABA representatives last week. The proposal is for May 12th, Saturday. There will be an open pairs event and a Swiss team event.
- It will be sectionally rated. The ABA will handle refreshments; we will split costs.
- The event will be at 1420 East 87th. This is the big ABA bridge center. They can handle 45-50 tables.
- The CCBA will provide bidding boxes

Move to accept Carl's ABA/CCBA Sectional proposal for the event. Moved: Kay H.; Second: John G.
Approved

Action item: we will be responsible for bringing 200 bidding boxes.

GNTs

- There was a discussion of how to advertise the GNTs.
- Action item: Ann will circulate the GNTs in Hinsdale. Jim will handle Tuesday night in Elmhurst and Wednesday in Wheaton.
- Tom will handle Deerfield and Winnetka.

Playoffs for $\frac{3}{4}$ in 8-team Compact KOs

- There was a long discussion of various scenarios: e.g. hat if one team wants to play and one does not? We can treat it like a forfeit.
- A proposal was made to charge for all three entries at the beginning and give back money to people who lose in the first round.
- The idea of taking two rounds of entries in the second round was discussed.

Motion: Collect two rounds for one when the second round is starting, and we publicize it.

The forfeiting team gets nothing except their match award.

Moved by Kay.; Seconded: Ginny; Passed.

Treasurer's report

- Winterfest made \$2700, above budgeted.
- G&A expenses were discussed.
- We put 25,000 in a 6-month CD at a good rate.
- We are making 500 on renting our tables to Milwaukee.

Action item: Tom will check with Jackie to look into why there was no bookseller at Winterfest.

Caddies at tournaments

- Can we use kids as caddies? Barb Subak complained. Letter passes around to members.
- It is a bad idea to have people caddying that are under the age of 13. Children who are over 16 can caddy. 14 and 15 is problematic.
- We cannot use under 13.

Action item: John G. will report back to the board on caddies, with an emphasis on the 14-15 year olds.

- We may be exempt if we can convince people we are a sporting event. John is uncertain. The ACBL believes we are a sporting event.

Action item: For the upcoming tournament we will try and keep the caddies at least 16 years old.

Action item: we will put the caddy question on the agenda for the next meeting.

Sites

- Ramada is going away in October. We need a place for Winterfest.
- Jim Kolb is looking into sites.
- Oakton College is a possibility, but only in summertime. Other sites were discussed e.g. the Marriott at Oak Brook.

Action item: John G. will call Jeannie at the Marriott this week.

Price, parking, size, and food are the main criteria.

- Tournament siting and dates were discussed. We want to get dates early, with the exception of STACs. No motions were forthcoming.

Dan Requard

Would we let him play if charges and appeals let him back in?

There was a long discussion about whether we should, and if we do, what conditions we should attach. Motion: send the issue back to appeals and charges with a note saying that if he is readmitted to the ACBL that we will not bar him from playing in CCBA events but we will attach probationary conditions on his playing in any CCBA event.

Moved Carl; Opposed: Ginny S. and Rich G. Passed.

Committees

- Assignments were handed out.
- It was noted that there would only be tournament chairs, not co-chairs. Noticeable committee changes include Ann taking IN chair.

Communications

- Web site has been revised.
- We do not have an assistant editor for the kibitzer.
- Our hotel for Summerfest will be the Fairfield Inn, not the Holiday Inn. This is because of the car race.

Juniors

- The last event we had 4 tables. The juniors can have a 0-20 STAC game; the CCBA will fund the game.

Membership

- We got 2800 from the ACBL for phone calls and retention for last year.
- We met the ACBL goals. We can get more this year if we do well.

Novices

- We have trophies.
- Ann is taking over for the next meeting.
- The partnership database should impact tournament attendance, Lavern hopes.

Next meeting

Monday, May 7th Elmhurst.

Motion to adjourn. Moved: Kay H.; Seconded: Rich G. Passed.

Respectively submitted,

Lavern Wiebe
Secretary

Summary of action items

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Summary of motions passed.

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