

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, Len Meyers, John Goldstein, Ginny Schuett, Carl Sharp, Frank Chadwell, Harriette Buckman. **Also attending:** Jim and Patty Chiszar.

Called to order at 7:05 P.M. There was a quorum.

First Business:

Move to approve the minutes of June 18, 2001, as recorded.

Moved: Angie, Seconded: John G. Passed

Treasurers Report – Rich Gabriel

- We are close to budget.
- The Summerfest Regional did well. This is due largely to the increase in fees. Free entries were significant.
- The Summer Silver Point Sectional made \$2400.
- G&A expenses are 3000 to 3500 over budget.
- Labor Day and Central States II are left.
- Free plays were discussed. 3100 in discounts were handed out at the regional.
- Kay asked if we could find out whether the people with free plays would have come any way.
- Action item: We will conduct a little survey at the next tournament.
- Action item: Patty will send out a list of who is entitled to free entries.
- We purchased twelve 8-foot tables.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee 2001 – Goldstein

- John and Harriett B are on the committee. Frank Chadwell will fill in for Jackie.
- The at large members are as follows:
 - Claude Vogel
 - Greg Gran
 - Jim Burt
 - Rochelle Shapiro (sp.?)
- Lavern, Rich, Len and Carl are the sitting board members who are up for reelection.
- Nominations must be published in the November Kibitzer.

Motion: to approve the nominating committee:

Moved; Angie, Seconded; Frank, Passed

Southland Sectional Arrangements – Sharp

- Carl has no new information. Jack Clark wants to have the tournament but was waiting for the ABA nationals to conclude. ACBL is expecting full payment for the tournament fees.

Action item: Harriette will look into how to pay the fees to ACBL.

- If we get cheap rent we may be able to offer reduced entries.
- We are sanctioned and have a director if needed.
- We have a tentative budget for the event if necessary.

Motion: to give Harriette and Carl Carte blanche in their negotiations with the ABA, subject to items discussed in the meeting.

Moved: Len, Seconded: Harriette, Passed.

Web Based Membership Telephone Lookup – Dressing

- The URL for the telephone lookup is <http://www.bridgeinchicago.com/membership>
- Tom redesigned the web page and has a beta sample.
- Tom can tell who has accessed the site.
- There are 4900 names in the telephone lookup. It is up and running.

- Tom asked for permission to add a city search criteria. Permission granted.

Goodwill Nominee's Letter – Buckman

- Harriette wrote a letter she will send to Eileen Osofsky. Tom Sucher will be the person who is recommended.
- Ginny suggested adding his teaching activities to the letter. The board agreed.
- The board approved the letter.

New Business:

Board of Directors Report – Buckman

- Harriette handed out her report. Fees are going up again.
- There is the possibility of a considerable grant to the ACBL to promote bridge for young people.
- There is an agreement in the works to promote a quid pro quo for people disciplined in the ABA would not be welcome in the ACBL during the disciplinary period and vice versa.
- No motions were forthcoming.

CCBA Board of Directors Insurance

- Board members do not have insurance. Coverage is available from the ACBL at 380/year for the entire board.
- It was not clear whether it covered legal fees or just damages.

Action item: We will investigate the coverage. It must be in by September 1st.

When should our 2006 regional be, since the Summer Nationals are here?

- Labor Day was discussed.
- Bettendorf is scheduled in our July 2006 period. We do not meet the definition of a traditional tournament, so we do not have dibs on the time slot.
- Jim suggested that we keep our traditional Labor Day Sectional, and should move the regional to Lake Geneva. February was discussed, as was the weather.

Tabled until next meeting.

Rental tables for ABA

- ABA wants to rent 30-80 tables over Labor Day. LeVoon Perkins from ABA is the contact point.
- It costs us about \$104 each way to get them to Darien.
- How much to charge was discussed. 3\$/table plus transport was discussed as the rental fee.

Action item: Harriette will ask the ABA if they want bidding boxes.

Action item: Patty will make arrangements if they agree. **(Note: Arrangements have been made. The ABA is renting 70 tables and 200 bidding boxes. They are paying \$210. They will make their own transportation arrangements.)**

Chairman's Reports:

Tournament Oversight

- Kay is working on Central States 11. She is fine for Labor Day. Fruit and ice cream sundaes will be there in evenings.
- Harriette asked that seniors be considered in how hospitality is provided at regionals, since they have different starting times.

Scheduling

Everything is current.

Communications - Tom

Web site is redone. Calendars will be published for Central States II.

Juniors - Angie

- She spoke with Catherine at Whitney Young. They will meet at the sectional. They hope to have an event in October. She hopes to have about 8 schools involved this year.
- There was a discussion of who should direct the game.
- There will be a program this year.

Education

- On Monday in Lake Geneva there will be a seminar for those interested in teaching.

Action item: Harriette asked Ginny to get the ad on the district web site.

Membership

No report.

Novice

No report.

Board participation was discussed.

There was a motion made at this point pertaining to board membership, but the motion was later found to be out of order, since the person had resigned from the board two days previously.

Motion: To remove Ann from the board for cause, effective immediately.

Moved: Frank. Seconded: Ginny, Failed.

Action item: Tom will talk to Ann about board participation.

Action item: Tom will talk to Tom Sucher about completing Gary Cohler's term.

Site – John Goldstein

- Indian Lakes has been bought out and is looking for business. Jim will look into it. Carl noted it has no expressway access.
- The rates in Darien are doubling. 1600/day. What to do was discussed.
- We need 15000 square feet for regional, half that for sectional.
- Lighting, air conditioning, food and parking and square footage are required.
- Jim Kolb has been researching the issue of an appropriate site.
- Winterfest has the additional complication of the dinner.
- Numerous alternate sites were discussed.
- Oakton community college has no air conditioning, so is out for summer.
- Marriott on the Kennedy was discussed. Might not have enough space.
- Oak Brook Marriott might work for Labor Day.
- Trinity College, Holiday Inn at Rosemont and Marriott Lincolnshire were discussed.
- The Grand Geneva in February or early March was discussed.
- John will check with Peter Wilke about dates.
- The issue was tabled until October.

Motion: to tell club owners running Unit game sanction fees to keep the money and give our fees back to the clubs. (**Note: this will be done when we announce the 2002 Unit Game schedule.**)

Moved: Len, Seconded: John, Passed

Extra item:

There was a discussion of directors in upcoming events.

Next Meeting: Monday, Oct 15

The meeting after that will be December 3rd.

Respectively submitted,

Lavern Wiebe, Secretary