

Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 3, 2001

Attending board members: Lavern Wiebe, Kay Hathaway, Ginny Schuett; Rich Gabriel, Ann Majchrowicz., Harriette Buckman, Tom Dressing, Len Meyers, John Goldstein, Carl Sharp, Frank Chadwell, Jackie Addis
Also attending: Jim Chiszar, Patty Chiszar. Jim Kolb.

The meeting was held at Harriette's house.

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

First Business:

Minutes of October 10th, 2001. Several amendments were suggested and agreed. Lavern will talk with Patty and update the minutes on the web site.

Motion: To accept the October 10th minutes as amended.

Moved: Len; Seconded: Jackie. Passed.

Treasurers Report (Gabriel)

Tournament results

- Central States brought in \$30,000. We earned \$1,820 in the fall silverpoint sectional vs. \$2,000 budgeted.
- Rich discussed the amount of money in our account and the types of CDs we should be investing in.
- Patty mentioned that our bank would match any CD rate we can come up with at a different bank.
- Interest rates were discussed.
- Tom noted that we gave up \$3100 more than anticipated in free plays. Rich noted that it applies to senior discounts, student discounts, \$2 chit, and the Friday night money game.

Final budget for next year:

Rich went over the budget highlights.

Winterfest

The Winterfest space rental was \$1500. It also has the fee increase built in. The dinner subsidy is under G&A and is in at \$8,000. We give 50 free meals to the dinner.

Grand National Teams

Harriette noted that the district would pay for the 2000 GNT contribution, so the budget should be adjusted accordingly.

Midsummer Madness.

Rich took the same budgeted table count as next year. Space rental is the biggest factor relating to the tournament.

Labor Day sectional.

Rich budgeted 475 tables. Space rental is currently set at \$50. Rich upped the cleanup budget to \$1000.

Southland sectional.

Rich budgeted a 1000 loss.

Central States 11.

Rich budgeted conservatively.

- Tom brought up the issue of free plays and whether they impacted the budget.
- Tom was worried that we are projecting a \$4,300 loss after raising fees.
- There was a discussion of moving the budget year. It was decided that there were substantial obstacles to it and that it would not be pursued.

Action item: Rich will remove the GNT reference for 2000.

Action item: Rich agreed to make a presentation to the membership in January.

Motion: To approve the budget as amended.

Moved: Len; Seconded: Harriette. Passed.

Old Business:

- **Midsummer Madness.**

There was a discussion as to whether we could hold Monday night upstairs and cut down on costs. Jim said no. John tried to find ways to reduce the rent. The first check was due to Darien October 29th. (This has been paid.)

- **CCBA/ABA Sectional – Carl/Harriette.**

Action item: Carl will meet with the ABA executive this Friday and try and get a decision from them about the joint tournament.

There has been little progress so far. We need a firm commitment in January to make appropriate minimal advertisements.

Dinner break was held at this time.

It was noted that a very nice letter of appreciation was received from Pat Chesler from the Youth Campus for the charity event contribution from the summer regional.

New Business:**Site – Jim Kolb.**

- Rent for Winterfest is 500/day with no room reservations required.
- Regionals were reported at 2500/day at the Hyatt with no room reservations, which he felt was excessive.
- Jim K. felt we must go out of our way to maintain a good relationship with the Hyatt. Cleanliness should be emphasized to the bridge players.
- Jim recommended that a sign emphasizing cleanliness be put up near the director's table, with more wastebaskets and announcements promoting cleaning up after yourself.
- Harriette asked whether we could use Mr. Clean in poster promoting cleanliness.
- Jim handed out a letter proposing our using the Hyatt for a regional with a cost of slightly over \$13,000.
- Harriette asked whether the food and beverage costs could be amortized over several nights.
- Jim talked about the proposed Labor Day site. He felt the restroom facilities were inadequate at the school and should not be pursued further.
- Jim has been looking at a park department building in Skokie. We could rent the facility for \$2,500 for four days. The Weber Center's playing area would consist of two basketball courts and there are washrooms on two floors. Food spots are within walking distance. We would provide tables and chairs. There is a no food or drink policy in the gym.
- Jackie asked if we could provide a cover for the basketball courts, since drinking water is a necessity.

Action item: Frank will look into using Mr. Clean to promote the Hyatt and a clean tournament.

Action item: Jim will look into the cost of a floor tarp.

Lavern asked that a post mortem be held with the Hyatt after Winterfest and before the next board meeting so that we can address any issues that came up.

The board was enthusiastic about the Skokie site.

Unit 123 District 13 board representatives.

Tom mentioned that we will have to address this in February and should be thinking about it.

Board of Directors report – Harriette.

- We have a new CEO, Jim Baum. He is a bridge player with 3800 masterpoints. Gary Blaiss has been moved laterally to the position of Assistant to the CEO. Brad Holzberry has been hired as replacement for Gary. He is a bridge player with 2300 points but has no directing experience. Both of the Burghard's were let go.
- Harriette questioned why we gave free rooms to non-unit people to help with hospitality at a unit regional.

Action item: Tom D. will talk to Tom S. about our free play policy at the last regional.

Chairman's Reports:**Tournament Oversight –**

Jackie has some issues to discuss but want to discuss them in committee first. Issues included free rooms, free plays, perks for IN chair.

No report at this time.

Scheduling – Frank

Already covered.

Communications – Tom

- The web page has been busy since November.
 - Rick Mueller wanted to get an ad in the Kibitzer. It did not make it in but was given in lots of time.
 - The STAC ad also did not make it in. It did not make it on the web site as well. Oops.
 - Jackie was also upset with the Winterfest ad in the Kibitzer.
- There was a discussion of how much revenue we may have lost in STACs because of the lack of advertising.
Tom D. said it was unquantifiable.
Motion: To reimburse Carl sharp for two nights housing at the 2002 Winterfest.
Moved: Jackie; Seconded: Frank. Passed.

Juniors – Angie

Ginny spoke. There was an even last week at Whitney Young. 4 tables. All had fun. There is another event in January at Whitney Young.

Education – Ginny

She tried a teaching seminar on Monday at the Regional. No one showed. Saturday is a better day if/when we do it again.

Membership – Harriette

No report.

Novice – Ann

Tom D. asked Ann to work on stand-by partnerships. Kay and Carl will work with Ann M. on clarifying/improving our policy on stand-by partners.

Site – John/Jim

Already done.

There was an executive session at this point.

Next Meeting: Sunday. Location: Winterfest.

The next meeting will be at Monday, Elmhurst, February 11th.

The meeting after that will be on April 8th, Monday.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavern Wiebe, Secretary

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Summary of motions:

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