

Chicago Contract Bridge Association

Board of Directors Meeting

May 7, 2001

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

The meeting was held at Elmhurst 1st Congregational Church.
The meeting was called to order at 7:10. There was a quorum.
Minutes of February 19, 2001 Motion: to accept the minutes.
Moved by Angie. Seconded Kay. Passed.

Treasurers Report (Gabriel)

- Rich handed out a report.
- We have had 3 tournaments. We are up on GNT B and C and Winterfest. We are 1000 dollars over budget on G&A items, such as salaries.
- We are basically OK. Lake Geneva will be the most important revenue generator.
- We will make a couple of hundred in the 299 tournament.

Board of Governors Report (Chiszar) –

- Three BOG members appointed to a committee to look at NABC sites.
- **Action item:** Patty will report the current board members, minus George and no replacement. (This has been taken care of.)

Old Business:

- **Caddies at Tournaments (Child Labor Laws)**
John talked to a Mr. Campbell, with no information. He recommends the same as last time. 16 plus OK. Children less than 13 years old are unacceptable. Children who are 14 or 15 are questionable. We must be careful. Jackie asked whether the time of night was an issue. Yes, there are time limitations. Golf caddies are exempt; other caddies are not.
- Jackie is looking for volunteers for Summerfest, with the idea of giving a charitable donation in lieu of payment. We could call the Department of labor. Possible caddies at Summerfest were discussed.
Motion: to table the issue of caddies. Moved by Ginny. Seconded by John. Passed.

Cell Phone Status

The current ACBL Bulletin has the old office phone number. Given that, it was decided to have two phones for the next month until the matter can be advertised appropriately.

Site for Winterfest

- We have a site for one year. There will be a free shuttle from the airport.
Jackie talked about the dinner. The dinner will cost the CCBA 27.95 per person plus tax and tip. A good deal.
- Parking is \$6 with in and out privileges.

Southland Sectional

- The ABA is considering co-sponsoring if the Saturday event goes well.

- Dan Requard may play, as an ABA member is he wants to.
- There was a discussion of where to hold Southland.
We will make a determination after Saturday when the joint ABA/ACBL game is held.

New Business:

- Funds Released for PPA Fight – Annual licenses for \$3,700 dollars were threatened for Chicago bridge clubs.
- We spent \$380 fighting it. We may have to do it again.
Motion: To support Rick Mueller in his fight with City Hall and allocate an extra 500 to be disbursed at the discretion of the President.
Moved: Jackie. Seconded by Frank. Passed.

District 13 Representatives – Should they be reappointed?

Motion: to reappoint all of the current at large members.

Moved by Angie. Seconded by Ginny. Passed.

Charity Game Request – Pat Chesler.

- She wants a game for ill-advantaged children. We have an open game slot in October we could use.
- There was a discussion of when to hold it.

Motion: the first KO in Summerfest next year 2002 should have an extra dollar per person added as a donation for an ACBL charity. On Saturday of the 2001 Central States Fall regional all events \$1 will be added to all events and will be split between the ACBL and Pat's suggested charity, the Helping Hand. Rich noted that the 1 was on top of our fee increase.

Moved: Len. Seconded by Ginny. Passed

- **Partnership Web Page – Rewards**

Lavern suggested an honorarium for Jeff. Free entries to the entire Summerfest regional for him in 2001 was suggested.

Motion: Jeff David receives free plays for any event he enters in the 2001 Summerfest regional.

Moved: Len Meyers. Seconded: Ginny. Passed.

Central States II

- Tournament Weeks will be submitted through 2010.
- We want to draw up the contracts for Lake Geneva for quite a while.
The suggested dates from Lake Geneva were included in the handout packet. The recommended date for 2006 was left open, since we may have the Nationals the next week.

Motion: to approve the dates as amended. Last weekend of October. Moved by Jackie. Seconded by Ginny. Passed.

- **Nominations to Goodwill Committee from Unit**

Nominations were discussed. Nominations are due September 7th.

Action item: all board members were to consider appropriate nominees.

Chairman's Reports:

Tournament Oversight – Jackie.

- All is well except for caddies.
- Tom wants to raise the strata for B to 2000.
- Rich suggested 5000.

- Angie suggested 2500 since that is the GLM.
- Patty suggested looking out for the interests of the players at the bottom end of the strata as well as those just above the top end.
- No motions were forthcoming.

Scheduling – Frank

All were included in the package.

Central States Regional

Monday is to be 0-1000. Saturday is a massive charity event, with the exception of the 199er event.

Motion: to accept the schedule as amended.

Moved: John. Seconded: Len. Passed.

Southland Sectional

The schedule was distributed.

Motion: to approve the schedule conditional upon our agreeing to continue to support the tournament.

Moved: John. Seconded: Jackie.

Passed. We will submit it to ABA and make a decision about whether to run it after the May 12th joint ABA/ACBL game.

Winterfest Sectional

The scheduled was distributed.

Motion: to accept the schedule.

Moved: Jackie. Seconded: John. Passed. The ACBL Charity foundation will be changed to the Education foundation.

299er Sectional

There was a site discussion. Lunch will not be included automatically but as an option.

Motion: to accept the schedule as amended.

Moved: Rich. Seconded: Jackie. Passed.

Motion: to make Angie the chair of the tournament for next year.

Moved: John. Seconded: Frank. Passed.

Tom will talk to Ann about the issue of the chair.

Summerfest 2002 Regional

Stratification will be 1500 instead of 1250 and 500 instead of 300. Additional discussion was deferred.

Labor Day Sectional

The scheduled was distributed. It was noted that stratification is changed from last year.

Motion: to approve the schedule.

Moved: John. Seconded: Len. Passed.

Communications – Kibitzer.

There was a discussion of the Kibitzer.

Motion: to direct the President to draft a letter expressing our concerns and talk to Susie. There shall be no discussion at the board level until at least the September Kibitzer issue.

Moved: Len. Seconded: John. Passed

Juniors – There was a recent game.

- Tom Dressing and Jim Chiszar have been very helpful. There is a game scheduled May 19 at New Trier High School.
Angie would like information from Rich about her budget so that she can award money to seniors.

Education - Ginny - no report.

Membership

We did not get the quarterly bonus.

Action item: Carl will look into what the bonus amount is and the criteria. (Information on this issue has been forwarded to Board members.)

Novice

We had no caddies. No free plays. Less hospitality than before.

Motion: in any ACBL sectional or regional tournament other than STACs, GNTs, or the 299er tournament, 0-5 players can play for free.

Moved: Len. Seconded: Lavern. Passed.

Book collection

Our book collection was discussed.

Motion: to give the ACBL the books they want from the book list.

Moved: Jackie. Seconded by Len. Passed.

Site

Darien is being discussed for next year. Jim Kolb will look into a site for the 299er event.

Next Meeting: 7PM, Monday, June 18 at Angie Clark's house.

The meeting was adjourned. An executive session was held.