

Chicago Contract Bridge Association

Board of Directors Meeting

April 8, 2002

Attending board members: Lavern Wiebe, Kay Hathaway, Ann Majchrowicz, Len Meyers, John Goldstein, Frank Chadwell, Jim Kolb, Bob Ward, Angie Clark, Tom Sucher, Ginny Schuett
Also attending: Patty Chiszar, Rick Mueller, Linda Hargnett, Peggy Jackson.

The meeting was held in Elmhurst.

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

First Business:

- Rick Mueller -
The city will not be asking for licensing fees for bridge clubs. Rick M. argued for looking again at sites in the city for a tournament. Frank C. noted that parking is an issue for city tournaments.
Rick M. argued in favor of EZBridge. Rick M. never received any remuneration for EZBridge as he was promised. He will submit the paperwork to Patty C. to get the remuneration we have promised. He also suggested our status as a non-profit association could help get free or cheap media coverage.
On April 18th in the afternoon there will be 1-2 minutes on local television about bridge at Rick's club.
There was a discussion as to how to retain and grow members in the Chicago area.
- Minutes of February 11, 2002
The ABA/ACBL tournament will split any profits, not return them. Patty C. will make the change.
Motion: Approve the minutes as amended. Moved: Angie C. Seconded: John G. Passed.

Treasurers Report:

- Tournament Results (Len Myers)
Patty C. noted that the dinner is not recorded as part of the expenses for the Sectional but is a separate item.
There was a discussion of the differences in the three reports of Jerry W., Patty C., and Len M.
Winterfest financial results from 2002 are quite similar to 2001.
The STAC made \$1300 or so. The GNT made around \$800.

Old Business:

- CCBA/ABA Joint Tournament - June 1 (Carl Sharp)
Tom S. noted it is the same weekend as the Rockford sectional.
We will check into our adjacent unit's sectionals and regionals before we schedule in the future.
- Bequeaths to unit. John G.
John G. has a draft of something we can submit to the Kibitzer. We will submit it periodically for inclusion in the Kibitzer.

New Business:

- Sponsorship/memorial trophies for CIT Pairs. John G.
John G. circulated a draft of a proposal to having an event named after them. Floor amounts for one-time events were discussed. We will provide feedback to John G. and address it definitively next meeting. Ginny S. was concerned about awarding an event to a living person. Discussion was tabled to the next meeting.
- Polish seminar
We talked to the ACBL, and can get a grant to help cover costs.
Steve Garner will attend.
We will move forward with the seminar when Jim Chiszar is healthy.
- CCBA handbook (Wiebe)
A draft of topics was circulated. People were asked to look at the topic list and see what we are missing. We will discuss more when we have a draft available. Every chair will be expected to provide relevant feedback.
- CCBA website (Wiebe)
Lavern W. expressed a desire to have the web site maintained by a dedicated resource. We will look into a web team that Tom Sucher knows to maintain our site. Lavern W. and Tom D. will draft a list of requirements for the person.

Chairman's Reports:

- Tournament Oversight
Jackie A. wants to move the regional into a nice place like the Hyatt for the summer regional. The Rosemont convention center was discussed. So was the hotel. Table fee increases were discussed. We might break even or lose as much as 6000 or so. Len M. brought some figures for running the tournament at the Hyatt. There was a discussion of a 5-day regional. Angie C. and others argued in favor of taking the risk and trying a high-end first class regional. Parking was discussed. Len M. suggested that we need a "hook" to mark our regional off from other regionals. The Site committee will report back at the next meeting.
Motion: to have a premiere regional at a Rosemont location for summer 2003.
Moved: Angie C. Seconded: John G. Passed.
- Hospitality – Hathaway
Kay H. will do something similar for summer as was done last year. Ice cream from Culver's, etc. Randy Baron will not have anyone at the Labor Day sectional. We will not have books sold at the sectional. Kay H. is thinking of modified convention cardholders for the summer regional.
- Scheduling
Carl S. was not there to provide a report. Patty C. will work with Carl to get scheduling up to date.
- Communications
The Kibitzer is due out imminently. Linda H. needs Labor Day information ASAP. Carl S. has asked for a standing ad for all tournaments. The free room for standby tournaments only applies to Lake Geneva. Lake Geneva advertising will start after the May kibitzer issue, not in the May issue.
- Juniors – Angie C.
We have had monthly sessions with 4 schools. Most sessions have been at Whitney

Young. We have had up to 7 tables. There is a scholarship game April 27th at Angie's. The ACBL has 100,000 available for scholarships and other such programs.

- Education – same as Juniors.
- Membership – Patty C.
The ACBL is redoing some membership forms. We are looking to have a temporary address change for snowbirds to make sure they are still considered as being in our unit.
The ACBL now allows senior events stratified by age.
- Newcomers – Ann M.
No report.
- Site – Jim K.
The contract for Winterfest 2003 has been signed. Parking at the Hyatt is \$8 with in/out privileges. The need for extra coat racks was discussed.
For Labor Day we must purchase 800 cups for table legs and install them. It would cost approximately \$1500 for the tables and chairs.
Motion: to allocate up to \$1500 for leg cups for the chairs and the tables.
Moved: Tom S. Seconded: Len M. Passed
Noted: Ginny S. opposed the motion.
- For the November tournament that used to be in Homewood, a possible site in Lombard was discussed. It is near Highland and Butterfield at the Embassy Suites. The main problem is Sunday when a church group uses the site. Perhaps they will get out by noon if they can have a fundraiser in stead. Rent is around \$1500/day.
Motion: To have the tournament and give Jim K. the authority to negotiate the dates with the hotel.
Moved: Tom S. Seconded: Len M. Passed.
Angie suggested that it would be desirable to make smoking areas more accessible than they were at the Hyatt.
- Tom Sucher handed out the NAOP flyer draft.
- Patty noted that our bidding box holders are gone.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meetings:

Monday, June 3, 2002 at Angie's

Then August 19th at Elmhurst

Then October 7th at Elmhurst.

Then December 9th at Harriette's.