

Chicago Contract Bridge Association

Board of Directors Meeting

December 9, 2002

Vice-President Lavern Wiebe called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting, at the home of Harriette Buckman, to order at 7:05 p.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Tom Dressing	Carl Sharp	Angie Clark	John Goldstein	Laverne Wiebe
Bob Ward	Kay Hathaway	Harriette Buckman	Jackie Addis	Tom Sucher

Also Attending: Jim Chiszar, Patty Chiszar, and Stan Katz.
Absent: Frank Chadwell, Ginny Schuett, Jim Kolb

Ann Majchrovicz and Len Myers tendered their registration prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Addis to accept the minutes of October 7, 2002 as amended. Seconded by Goldstein. The motion carried.

Treasurer/Consultant Report

- Table count for CS was up 5%, and tournament income was up \$4000 (or 8%). General expenses were roughly the same from last year.
- This was the first time the Lombard Sectional was held. The tournament did not have a budget until about a week before the tournaments. We were pleased to see that the tournament made \$2000. They were expecting a slight loss.
- Fall STAC was up about 50 tables, and generated a small amount of income. The director's costs went up as well. The tournament made \$1900 vs. budget \$1600.
- Chiszar commented that all of the tournaments that he has attended have decreased in attendance where the Chicago Regionals have increased.
- One suggestion was made that it was the fruit that made the tournament. It needs to be stressed in advertising that this amenity is available.

Budget Report

- Katz would have liked to have been able to sit down with each of the tournament chairs after their most recent tournament. He will do so in the following year.
- Katz has proposed that we will be operating with a budget that is very conservative. He has estimated SummerFest to be down in table count as a result of the new location, and all other tournaments to be less attended than in 2002. He proposes tournament income to be \$20,000 less than last year.
- If table counts surprise us, then we will run a profit.
- He has forecast a budget that is roughly \$5000 more than last year. A large portion of this increase is due to the kibitzer.
- Katz reviewed his methods in creating each of the tournament breakdowns.
- Addis made a motion to have the budget tentatively accepted, and that the budget for WinterFest be accepted. Following the WinterFest tournament (during the short meeting) it is expected that this budget will be finalized. Seconded by Ward. Motion Carried.

District Directors Report

- Buckman reviewed the meeting that was held in Phoenix. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the ACBL website.

Old Business:

Polish Seminar:

- The seminar was postponed until January.
- Chiszar brought a concern of Tad Hofkin's to the table. He requested that Jim Chiszar, Steve Garner, Tad Hofkin and the Polish players being the only attendee's. Please forward to Jim anything that you would like to have covered with the players in writing.

Handbook:

- Wiebe has handed out the recent copy of the handbook, and acknowledged those people that have been proofing the document.
- He pointed out a discrepancy with regard to the cashing of third party checks. It was decided to remove the section from the handbook.

New Business:

Board Member Changes

- Katz will be taking over the full term of Tom Dressing's vacancy (from the nominating committee)
- Goldstein made a motion to have Jody Wahdwa be placed on the CCBA board as Majchrowicz' replacement. Seconded by Sharp. A two-thirds majority was needed to carry this vote. The motion carried.
- The president would appreciate any names for the replacement of Len Myers position that as been made vacant.

Evansville Regional

- The distance from various Regionals was discussed.
- Addis made a motion to allow the ACBL to sanction the Evansville regional tournament at the same dates at Central States starting in 2003. Seconded by Clark. With a vote of 5 to 3, with one abstention, the motion was carried.

Scheduling Issue

- There is a problem with the running of the June STAC for 2003. The ACBL has decided to reschedule the World Pairs game to the same time as our STAC, and therefore revoked our sanction. We need to decide what we will be doing with the STAC.
- There is a problem with the 2006 July Regional being run opposite the Summer Nationals. We need to decide what we will do with the tournament.

Web Site:

- Tom has asks Patty for an updated copy of the Club Guide. The web currently has a copy that is over a year old.
- There are about 14 clubs that are currently reporting results. Janie Strauss and Betty Hoffman love it. Two other club players have gone out of the way to say how much they like it.

SummerFest 2003 Tournament:

- Flyers are out for the 2003 tournament.
- It was suggested that we contact WGN Radio, WBBM Radio and other media venues for free advertisement of CCBA events. It is suggested that the communications chair investigate this option.

Tournament Directors:

- Sharon Terrell has moved to South Dakota, and Richard Strauss continues to show less interest in directing at our tournaments.
- Patrias was contacted as to possible suggestions. Chiszar reported that he would like to have the board consider hiring Tournament Assistants (ex Quota) in order to bring them
- Sucher made a motion to have Chiszar seek and train two more directors. Seconded by Ward. The motion was carried. The budget needs to be adjusted starting with the WinterFest.
- It is expected that the TA's arrive with the appropriate credentials necessary or the job.

Bridge Pro Tour:

- The Bridge Pro tour has already started promoting that Chicago will be a stop in 2003.
- Larry King relayed that at the New York tournament would have ESPN filming their Pro tournament. If successful ESPN would be filming in Chicago.
- Katz suggested there might be a concern with union representation and hotels. We need to be careful.
- Advertisement needs to begin in earnest, and Chiszar will be getting material from Larry King for publications.

SummerFest 2003:

- Judy Wadas has volunteered to be a press agent for this tournament.

Declaration of Candidates:

- Chadwell will be running for president, Laverne is running for vice-president, Katz will be running for Treasurer, and Goldstein

Committee Reports

Tournament Oversight - Addis

- WinterFest is moving along. Dinner plans are in order. The invitational pair invites have been sent out (as of December 9th).
- There is a student group that would like to make themselves available to a caddy training session in order to help us supply caddies. Sucher made a motion to start a caddy training program with Sucher and Chiszar to lead. Seconded by Ward. Motion carried.
- A concern about the Labor Day tournament was expressed as to the difficulty of holding the tournament at its current location. This matter is deferred to the Tournament Committee with a representative of the Site Committee also in attendance.

Hospitality – Hathaway:

- No report.

Scheduling – Sharp:

- Next meeting to be held prior to the next full board meeting.
- It was suggested that we hold our Sunday Swiss starting at 1:00pm. An informal poll will be taken at the WinterFest meeting regarding the starting times.

Communications - Dressing:

- The kibitzer continues to be a problem, and the December issue has been combined with January's and will be out on or about December 16th.
- It was suggested that the Kibitzer be used to poll the membership at large with various questions as to content of Kibitzer and scheduling.
- Buckman suggested that we do a bi-monthly style of publication with additional flyers to be sent when needed.
- Frank Chadwell will chair the next meeting to determine the future of the publication.

Juniors/Education – Schuett:

- No Report.

Membership Committee: - Chiszar

- We are currently down about one half percent in membership. Chiszar is working on the members

Site – Kolb:

- Addis would like to review whether or not we repeat at this site due to the issues we had with 'table leg tips' and chairs.

As a point of order, Goldstein suggested that the committees meet on a more active schedule on the off-months that the board does not meet. Items of a site concern and of a communications concern need to be hashed out in committee and recommendations be brought back to the board for final decision.

As this is my last meeting, I would like to thank the board for allowing me to serve the CCBA members for the past 12 years.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, January 18th, 2002 at the WinterFest Tournament shortly after the Membership meeting. There being no further business for the board to discuss, a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:55 p.m. was made by Addis. Seconded by Dressing. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tom Dressing
Secretary, CCBA
Unit 123

Summary of Motions:

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