

Chicago Contract Bridge Association

Board of Directors Meeting

February 11th, 2002

Attending board members: Lavern Wiebe, Kay Hathaway, Ann Majchrowicz, Len Myers, John Goldstein, Carl Sharp, Frank Chadwell, Jackie Addis, Jim Kolb, Bob Ward

Also attending: Jim Chiszar, Patti Chiszar.

The meeting was held in Elmhurst.

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

First Business:

- Minutes of December 3, 2001
Motion: To approve the minutes. Moved: Jackie; Seconded: John Passed.

Treasurers Report:

- Tournament Results (Myers)
Jerry has not sent the information yet. Patty went over what we have. The dinner results were in. View-only access to the bank account for board members was mentioned.
- **Final Budget (Myers)**
Len mentioned that he was receptive to any changes to the budget. Jackie questioned whether anyone was consulted when the numbers were generated.
Action item: Len will try and adopt a more pro-active approach in getting feedback on possible budget numbers.

Old Business:

- CCBA/ABA Joint Tournament - June 1 (Sharp)
Carl and Len met with the ABA. June 1 and 2 were agreed on. There will be 2 1-session games on Saturday, and a 2-session event on Sunday. Rates will be \$8/session. No rent was discussed. We will return any profits. We should do as much advertising as possible. A special flyer will go out to advertise this. Free parking is available. Strata breaks will be discussed. Sunday will be strata-flighted if size warrants it.
- Bequeaths to unit. There was an announcement in the Kibitzer.
Action item: John will look into getting money in wills, etc.

New Business:

- Unit 123 District Board Reps for April 2002 meeting
John Goldstein, Tom Dressing, Lavern Wiebe, Carl Sharp, Tom Sucher, Dean Cohler, Ellen Batko, Ellen Wiebe, and Stan Subeck were nominated. The meeting is Saturday morning.
Action item: Stan Subeck will be asked to see if he is interested in being a representative on the District 13 Board.
Motion: To accept the proposed slate of District 13 Representatives. Moved: Len Seconded: Kay. Passed.
- Sponsorship/memorial trophies for CIT Pairs
Dan Rotman wants a memorial trophy for Bob Pareti. The Invitational Pairs in Winterfest was discussed. Rotman will buy the trophies. Frank suggested that we not name the invitational pairs after a person. Lavern asked for guidelines for any sponsorship of an event or trophy.
Action item: A sub-committee was recommended to study the sponsorship of events and trophies. John G. will be on it. So will Carl and Jackie. They will report back on the next meeting.
- **Polish seminar?**
There is some tension between Polish pairs and American pairs. A seminar for the Polish people on what is expected in a bridge game may be a good idea. Tad and Elizabeth were mentioned as people who may be willing to help give a talk. Steve Garner also volunteered to help. Lavern suggested that we also need to help Americans with accept reasonable expectations of foreign players. Maybe a Kibitzer article on

handling these situations for the membership and a talk for the Polish people.

Action item: Jim C. will report back at the next meeting on the progress of a meeting with the Polish players.

Motion: To set up a meeting with the Polish people after contacting Elizabeth or Tad and Steve.

Moved: Jackie Seconded: Carl. Passed.

- Award for most masterpoints won in Sectionals (Addis).

Jackie brought up the issue of whether we should have an award for most points won in Sectionals. We have an award for almost everything else. Bob suggested that we have every recognition that makes sense, given the time constraints of the dinner.

Motion: That we start an award to most points won at Unit Sectionals including STACs.

Moved: Jackie Seconded: Bob Passed.

- CCBA handbook (Wiebe)

Lavern suggested the need for a handbook. He will coordinate it. Bob offered to proofread.

Motion: To move forward with creating a CCBA handbook.

Moved: Jackie Seconded: Kay Passed.

- Rick Mueller. We finally got his STAC money. Harriette suggested that he be informed of the problem we have collecting STAC money from his club.

Action item: Frank will send him an e-mail. 10 days after the STAC is when payment is expected.

Action item: Patty will add the 10-day clause to the next STAC notice for March.

Chairman's Reports:

- Tournament Oversight

We are looking into caddies for Central States. John thought the caddies at Winterfest were very good.

She asked whether we want to use the Southland sanction in November. The tournament will probably not be held in the South. Jackie will move forward on it. We need a site for November. Maybe Oakbrook.

Action item: Jim K. will report back at the next meeting on the status of the site for a November Southland Sectional.

- Scheduling

We are set through Labor Day of this year.

Action item: Carl will talk to the tournament chairs before the next meeting about tournament scheduling.

- Communications

The committee met on Thursday. We hired a new editor, Linda Hargnett. A flyer will go out to cover events in March. Peggy Jackson will be the associate editor. Linda has access to staff and equipment. She will have to learn desktop publishing. They have asked that the compensation be put into escrow. The next Kibitzer is scheduled for the beginning of April. Suzi received compensation through March. She will continue to do the regional bulletins.

Motion: That we support the actions of the Communications committee in their hiring the editor and the associate editor and have complete jurisdiction over the Kibitzer and other communications issues and in the future.

Moved: Carl. Seconded: Jim K. Passed.

- Juniors

There is one teacher who has set five dates.

- Education

No report.

- Membership

We will urge people not to change their membership temporarily to Florida.

Action item: Patty will send out welcome notices to new members.

Action item: Patty will give membership reports in future.

- Novice

Kay suggested a letter to the Kibitzer on the new pins.

Action item: Ann M. will write Linda H. a letter on the awards for IN events.

Carl mentioned how hard it is to get a guaranteed partner, especially in Lake Geneva. He wants to find one novice and one C player to be guaranteed partner in return for a room (shared). Maybe we can put

an ad in the Kibitzer for a guaranteed partner. Carl and Patty will get an ad made up and put in the Kibitzer

Motion: To approve allocating rooms as appropriate for guaranteed partner's for the October Lake Geneva tournament.

Moved: Carl Seconded: Jackie Passed.

- Site

Jim thanked the board for the service award. Winterfest went well.

Labor Day Sectional. The Skokie park district site was discussed for the 2002 Labor Day sectional. Parking was discussed; Jim did not think it would be a problem. The snack bar is a long ways away, the only downside Jim C. was aware of. They will allow water and coffee and fruit. There will be no food in the playing site.

Motion: To accept the Skokie park district site for Labor Day 2002.

Moved: Kay Seconded: Jackie Passed.

Jim K. argued in favor of doing whatever we can to get the O'Hare Hyatt for the summer regional. Jim C. said we could get 250 room nights. Hospitality and plus room nights might get us a good deal for Summerfest 2003.

Action item: Jim K. will look into signing a contract for 2003 at the Hyatt Winterfest ASAP. Jim K. will look into 2004 as well.

Action item: Len will give Jim K. the figures from last year at Darien for the Summerfest, rental costs and such.

Next Meetings:

Monday, April 8, 2002; Elmhurst

Next one after that; June 3rd at Angie's.

Then August 19th at Elmhurst.

Then October 7th at Elmhurst.

Then December 9th at Harriette's. We must talk with Harriette first.

Meeting adjourned

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