

Chicago Contract Bridge Association Board of Directors Meeting October 7, 2002

President Frank Chadwell called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting, held at First Congregational Church, to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Frank Chadwell	Tom Dressing	Carl Sharp	Angie Clark	John Goldstein
Len Myers	Laverne Wiebe	Bob Ward	Kay Hathaway	Ginny Schuett
Jim Kolb	Harriette Buckman			

Also Attending: Jim Chiszar, Patty Chiszar, and Linda Hargnett.

Absent: Ann Majchrowicz, Jackie Addis, Tom Sucher

A motion was made by Kolb to accept the minutes of August 19, 2002 as amended. Seconded by Buckman. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Labor Day results were presented. Tournament attendance was down from the previous year by about 40 tables. The tournament made approximately \$1800.
- Hathaway suggested that the sectional tournaments continue to be distributed around the city. The president pondered where the north-side residents were. This is the first tournament that has been essentially in their "backyard" in a **long** time.
- Myers handed out the suggested "Reimbursement Policy". A discussion on "4 - Tipping", "5 - Board Free Plays", and "6 - Hotel Room Nights". "1a - Sub Chairs" will be combined into "6 - Hotel Room Nights". They were modified by the board to be clarified, however the intent of each point was not altered.
- Buckman brought up the possibility of talking to the Grand Geneva and trying to obtain the "Staff" rate that Charleson seems to be able to negotiate. Patty Chiszar will talk with the Hotel shortly.
- The investigation of bonding of Jim Chiszar was discussed. Apparently it is the employers responsibility to provide bonding. Contacts at ACBL were unavailable at the time called.

Old Business:

Purchasing Honorary Titles:

- Goldstein presented a document outlining suggestions for "Tournament Sponsorship". It was amended to allow purchase of a single Tournament, Day, or Event for a single year. No multi-year agreements are possible.
- Goldstein will amend the document and give the document to the administrative secretary for distribution

Polish Seminar:

- 1st Sunday in November has been determined to be the possible date for the seminar here at the First Congregational Church. It is likely to start at 4:00pm, prior to game time.
- Please contact Harriette Buckman, and Angie Clark prior to the seminar.

Nominating Committee:

- Goldstein held interviews and would like to offer new member Stan Katz (as a new member) and Kay Hathaway, Ginny Schuett, Jackie Addis, and Tom Sucher. all have requested to be re-slated. Jody Wahadwa was very impressive to the nominating committee, and they encourage him to participate in the committee processes. He has plenty to offer.
- A motion to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee was made by Wiebe. Seconded by Sharp. The motion was carried.

CCBA Handbook:

- Wiebe passed out the current revision of the board.
- There seems to be no record of the past winners of the Art Glatt, and similar awards. Clark suggested that she look at the trophies for previous winners.
- Wiebe would like to again have people read the handbook for the purpose of proofing.

New Business:

CCBA Web Site:

- Governance section to the web site added and post the Kibitzer article, as well as a recorder form for download.
- Chadwell again asked that Dressing continue to "do his thing" with the web.

Conduct and Ethics Discussion:

- A question regarding the handling of complaints (Recorder forms), and the method in which to communicate to the person that made the complaint.
- An article needs to be drafted talking about the procedure after the complaint. More articles need to be placed in the Kibitzer to assure the membership that indeed these matters are being addressed.

Sanction Problems:

- The ACBL had apparently lost our sanction for our November Tournament. Patty Chiszar had discussions with the ACBL. Things will be straightened out within the next week.

Harmon Wilkes:

- Harriette Buckman will chair the current committee. She will report her findings at the December board meeting.

Pro Bridge Tour:

- Angie has begun discussions with Sally Lix, the CEO of Bridge Pro Tour, Inc.
- Goldstein cautioned the board to make sure that we are not tying our hands in the scheduling of our tournaments because of the Tour.
- The board discussed the playing times of the event. All day Thursday (Afternoon and Evening), as well as Friday (Morning) and Saturday (Morning) was proposed.
- Issues regarding the contract need to be ironed out (e.g. renewal), but information needs to be presented in the flyer.
- A special meeting at the Regional will be held to finalize the arrangements. The quorum of members will decide the policy on this matter.

Drinking at Park District Sites:

- No alcoholic drinks are allowed at any Park District Site. Signage needs to be prepared informing the membership of this fact. Advertising in any flyer also needs to be made.

Bidding Boxes:

- The bidding boxes need to be checked for consistency. Prior to a session at the regional coming up, each table needs to identify what cards are missing.

Committee Reports

Tournament Oversight - Ward

- Ward will be tournament chair for the first two days in Addis' absence.
- Arrangements are solidified, however few minor details need to be ironed out for Central States.
- The I/N arrangements were discussed. Gifts/Handouts were purchased. Are there pencils (with suit symbols) that are available? Saturday's participants may go wanting.

Hospitality - Hathaway:

- \$2 off coupons will be provided for sectional winners; fruit will be provided and the appropriate; There will be one delivery for the fruit on Tuesday. Coffee and tea is provided in the morning. Parties offered on Friday and Saturday.

Scheduling - Sharp:

- Tournaments are scheduled through Summer 2003. Next presentation for February meeting.

Communications - Dressing:

- A schedule review needs to be examined. Do we want to put out a post card? Do we want to publish less. Buckman would like to attend this meeting.
- The Kibitzer is still awaiting printing at the printer. It arrived at the printers on Sept 24th, and we do not understand what the delay as been.
- The cost for printing is \$295/issue.

Juniors/Education - Schuett/Clark:

- We need to straighten out who owns which portion of this program.
- There are some 94 kidlets that are participating in a program at one of the schools.

Membership Committee: - Chiszar

- Two new bridge clubs have formed: Windy City Bridge Club to be held in a Nursing Home, and the Sheridan Bridge Club, 5555 Sheridan Rd.,

Site - Kolb:

- We have been invited back to the same location for the Labor Day tournament (Lindner Center) in Skokie.

- A motion was made to return to the site in 2003 by Kolb. Seconded by Hathaway. The motion was carried.

Sponsorship – Kolb:

- Kolb has suggested a number of board members (Kolb, Buckman, Goldstein, Clark and Chadwell) and Jacobs as an advisor. Now that a sponsorship agreement is in place, this committee cannot meet.

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 9th, 2002 at the home of Harriette Buckman, Albion Rd, Lincolnshire at 7:00 pm. There being no further business for the board to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 10:05 p.m was made by Dressing. Seconded by Buckman. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Dressing". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Tom Dressing
Secretary, CCBA
Unit 123