

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 29, 2004**

President Lavern Wiebe called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting at the First Congregational Church in Elmhurst to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Frank Chadwell	John Goldstein	Jim Kolb	Tom Sucher
Lavern Wiebe	Kay Hathaway	Bob Ward	Susan Fox
Jackie Addis	Stan Katz	Carl Sharp	Ginny Schuett
Angie Clark	Jody Wadhwa		

Absent were: Steve Garner

Also present were: Patty Chiszar Jim Chiszar

Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes of February 9, 2004. Seconded by Sucher. The motion carried.

John Goldstein passed some ink pens around the room for the Board to examine. Priced at \$1.44 per 500 or \$1.29 per 1000, these pens are available for hospitality gifts. Contact John if anyone is interested in buying.

TREASURER'S/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Katz)

- March, 2004 STACS were within budget and made a profit of about \$2,200.
- Tom Dressing requests from Stan Katz that he be allowed to put the CCBA budget up at the website. After some discussion it was decided that the “rollup” pages for the most recent two years will be made available to Tom for the website. A complete budget is always available upon request.

OLD BUSINESS

Club Director’s Brunch (Schuett)

- Was held at Holiday Inn in Rosemont on March 14, 2004. Was well attended by club owners/directors.
- Invitees were all unit club managers/directors.
- Free entries for SummerFest were given to attendees who paid for parking at this event. Ginny reports that we continue to search for people interested in entering an apprenticeship for becoming a bridge director. It is suggested that this brunch is worth the cost and effort; that it be held every other year, on alternating Saturdays and Sundays, so as to include all who wish to attend without cancelling a bridge game.

Prize money bridge tour – Chadwell

- The dates are set for the two events that Larry King will be running at our SummerFest and Cental States tournaments later this year. (See minutes of February 9, 2004.)

Dealing machine – Sucher

- Tom Sucher has two dealing machines at his home. He and Rick Mueller will be testing them in the coming weeks. If machines do not work as advertised Tom will return for full refund. Tom will report on their condition at our next Board meeting.

Caddymaster (Addis, Fox)

- Jackie has put together a job description for caddymaster and Susan Fox has agreed to assume this important role. Tournament chairs must give Susan plenty of time to arrange for caddies, if indeed the caddymaster's services are required. Patty told the Board that the ACBL has a reference guide on caddymasters; Patty will get one for Susan. John Goldstein will provide Susan with the state of Illinois legal restrictions on caddies.

USBF regional, 2005 (Sucher)

- Tom reports that the USBF regional that was to be held in Chicago in 2005 will likely not happen. The president of the USBF, Chris Compton, informed Tom that this tournament will probably happen in Houston. More on this as facts become available.

NEW BUSINESS

Fax machine (Wiebe)

- Lavern no longer has use for a fax machine that the Board owns. The Board decided that this machine can now go to Ginny Schuett, who can use it in her work with the Juniors/Education committee.

WinterFest 2005 (see Site committee report)

ABA/CCBA tournament (Sharp)

- Carl reports that due to a conflict with the ABA's running of their nationwide fund game, we will run our own fund game on Saturday afternoon, June 5. For allowing us to do this, the ABA will receive \$8.00 per table for this event.

CCBA website (Wiebe)

- Lavern reports that Tom Dressing has rolled out a new, cleaned-up version of the CCBA website. The site has a great look. There will be a section for information about Board members. Patty Chiszar took pictures of members in attendance tonight for inclusion at the website. Tom now has a new feature that will "expunge/expire" old data which will keep the site more current.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

- Jackie has put together a "supply bucket" for the use of tournament chairs. Included in the bucket are the standard supplies needed when setting up a tournament site, such as scissors, tape, etc.

Site (Kolb)

- Jim has begun negotiations for contracting with the Sheraton NW in Arlington Heights for SummerFest, 2005. The Board will hear more from Jim on this as he progresses; the goal is to have this sited before the next Board meeting. This is a good location for our members; free parking and the rental is reasonable.
- Jim is also in negotiations with the Westin in Rosemont for WinterFest, 2005. This site has great access for members with playing areas all on ground level. Parking will be \$5 with in/out privileges. More on this site as facts become available.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

- Kay is going to the Holiday Inn, Rosemont, on Tuesday, April 6, to put together hospitality arrangements for our SummerFest tournament to be held in July. The bookseller will be at this tournament.

Scheduling (Sharp)

- Committee meeting to be scheduled in April, 2004.

Communications (Wiebe)

- Lavern and the communications committee will advertise the schedule change for the ABA/CCBA tournament.

Juniors/Education (Schuett)

- Ginny reported that there was a three-table Junior game held on March 13. There was some Board discussion on what scholarships to give in 2004. Ginny will report back to the Board on this item.
- The ACBL Scholarship game will be held Saturday, May 1, at the Legion hall in Northbrook at 10AM.

Newcomers (Clark)

May 1 & 2 is the 299'er tournament at the Legion Hall in Northbrook. Susan Fox will be helping Angie with this. Jody Wadhwa will be chairing the October 299'er tournament.

Membership (P. Chiszar)

Now is the time for our district to elect district director alternates. District 13 first alternate is Marilyn Charlson. Second alternate is Glenna Shannahan. Deadline for submission of resume for these slots is May 31. Talk to Patty if interested. Report from Don Lusky from the board of governor's meeting at the spring nationals is forthcoming.

Sponsorship (Kolb)

- No report.

Executive Committee (Wiebe)

- The executive committee will be meeting between regular Board meetings. Last meeting was Sunday, March 7. Minutes are available from that meeting.

2006 Nationals (Addis)

- Jackie reports that there will be a short meeting for the 2006 Nationals involving the chairmen of committees before the event at the April district regional on Sunday, April 25, in Lake Geneva. Time for this is scheduled for 10AM in Harriette's suite.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Addis. Seconded by Sucher. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, 2004, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Angie Clark.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2004 are as follows:

- Monday, June 7, at Angie Clark's.
- Monday, August 2, at the church in Elmhurst
- Monday, October 11, at the church in Elmhurst
- Monday, December 6, at Angie Clark's.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell

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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes February 9, 2004. Seconded by Sucher. The motion carried.