

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 2, 2004**

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

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

Motion made by Addis to accept the minutes of June 7th, 2004. Seconded by Ward. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Katz)

- Year-to-date loss of roughly \$24,000. It is noted that our SummerFest regional lost roughly \$10,000 due to lower attendance.
- Stan will put together a document outlining the state of the CCBA as of 6-30-2004.

OLD BUSINESS

Dealing Machine (Sucher)

- Tom Sucher reports that yet another new, improved dealing machine will be delivered to him in the next few weeks. Report on this at our next CCBA meeting in October.

Harmon Wilkes Award (Ward)

- Bob Ward reports on his work toward making recommendations to the full Board in December for possible Harmon Wilkes candidates. There seemed to be confusion last year during the discussion of potential candidates. Bob read from a letter that he sent to club owner/directors about nominations for the HWA. Nominations can come from anyone connected to the bridge world; no CCBA sitting member can win the award.

Fax Machine (Wiebe)

- Lavern reports that he still has an old fax machine to give away. Contact him if you want it.

ABA buying bidding boxes (Sharp)

- Carl is to get numbers from the ABA as to how many bidding boxes they would like to buy from us. Carl will report again on this at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SummerFest (Goldstein)

- John reported on our recent regional tournament in Rosemont at the Holiday Inn. The facility was great and received many compliments/comments. Kay did a great job at hospitality. The dates of this tournament hurt us, running thru the July 4 holiday. The table count was down and we took a financial loss (see Treasurer's report). The Bridge Pro Tour did badly. We raffled off rooms to the membership attending the tournament as we were responsible for paying for a minimum of reserved rooms. As we had not met that commitment the raffle was created. This was well received. There were a few director issues discussed. Ron Johnston was made aware of problems with old schedules and miscommunications.

CS II update (Schuett)

- Ginny reported on the incorrect dates booked for this tournament with the site, the Grand Geneva in Lake Geneva. After the problem was discovered, we moved quickly to change the advertising to the correct dates of October 18-24, 2004. As of July 15, the new corrected dates were being advertised via the website, flyers, the ACBL Bulletin and special ads in the daily bulletin at the summer nationals in New York.

A motion was made by Addis, seconded by Clark to reimburse anyone who booked their airfare incorrectly prior to July 15, 2004., as this was our mistake. Anyone requesting reimbursement must prove their travel was booked before July 15. The total amount of reimbursement is limited to \$100 per person and will be given at the discretion of the tournament chair, Ginny Schuett. Motion passed.

2005 ABA tournament (Sharp)

- Carl continues to work with the ABA on dates for this tournament in 2005. The traditional dates are early June. Another report from Carl on this at the October meeting.

Steve Garner replacement (Wiebe)

- As Mr. Garner's term on the Board is ending 12-31-2004, it is decided to replace Steve with a new board member as of 1-1-2005.

New DIT – Diane Beyer (Goldstein)

- Our new director-in-training is Diane Beyer. She worked several sessions at our recent SummerFest tournament.

Office Administrator job description modification (Wiebe)

- The CCBA Board accepted Lavern's proposal to modify the job description for our office administrator. The proposal removes Patty from the responsibility of organizing the grand national teams event while giving her responsibility of doing artwork for CCBA advertising.

Employee Dishonesty bond (Katz)

- In Stan's opinion, the CCBA Board and its members are already insured for potential employee dishonesty. Therefore there is no need for an employee dishonesty bond.

New cash policy at new tournament site (Sucher)

- Tom reports that our new tournament site for next year's WinterFest and SummerFest tournaments will provide us with the following service: all cash collected from tournament receipts can be converted to a check there on the premises.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

- Jackie's "supply basket" which she has provided for tournament chairs is lost. Goldstein, Hathaway and Clark are going to find it; restock it and make it available to Hathaway for the upcoming Labor Day weekend sectional.
- Jackie reported that she had difficulty getting a report for the latest STAC results. Wiebe will talk to Tom Dressing about this and getting future results up on the CCBA website.

Site (Kolb)

- Jim reports that contrary to a previous report, the Legion Hall in Northbrook will be available to us for tournaments for the next year or so. With that in mind, Jim has suggested to the Board that we site the spring 299'er tournament at the Darien Sportsplex in 2005. We should site the October 299'er tournament at the Legion Hall in 2005.
- The Board is committed to 170 room nights at the site for the 2005 SummerFest tournament (Sheraton NW in Arlington Heights.). With this in mind, Jim suggests that we start early on talking to members to get attendance up from the numbers we had at SummerFest this past July.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

- Hathaway reports on the food/hospitality planned for the Labor Day tournament. There will be free coffee. At our upcoming Central States regional in October there will be free morning coffee, with hospitality planned for both Friday and Saturday nights.

Scheduling (Sharp)

- Committee still needs to meet. This was on schedule for April, 2004. Carl now has a meeting date set for August 23, 2004.

Communications (Wiebe)

- Lavern and MANY worked to reset dates for the upcoming Central States tournament; correct dates for this regional are October 18-24, 2004..

Juniors/Education (Schuett)

- Ginny reported that the Juniors bridge program will begin again this fall at local high schools. Jim O'Neil will be assisting with the Juniors this fall.
- Ginny suggests that when the time comes to replace the playing cards in our boards, we should not consider jumbo cards. This was from input by players using these cards at a recent local tournament in Wisconsin.

Newcomers (Clark)

Angie reports that the Newcomers games were well attended and successful at our recent SummerFest regional. The bookseller was kind enough to give Angies some "freebies" to give to the Newcomers as prizes. This was a nice gesture and well received.

Membership (P. Chiszar)

No report.

Sponsorship (Kolb)

- No report.

Executive Committee (Wiebe)

- The executive committee will meet before the next Board meeting, scheduled for October 11. Time and location is TBA.

2006 Nationals (Addis)

- Jackie reports that the budgets are due by all committee chairs for the 2006 Nationals. Chairs should read their committee descriptions and get budget requests in to Jackie.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 2004, at 7:00 PM, at the church in Elmhurst.

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

Motion made by Addis to accept the minutes of June 7, 2004. Seconded by Ward. Motion carried.

Motion made by Addis to reimburse anyone who booked their transportation to our upcoming Central States regional before we discovered the dates were incorrect in our advertising. (see New Business item under "CA II update" to find full conditions of reimbursement requirements) Seconded by Clark. Motion carried.

Motion made by Katz to adjourn. Seconded by Sucher. Motion carried.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2004 are as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell

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