

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 7, 2004**

President Lavern Wiebe called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:10PM at the home of Angie Clark. 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		

Absent were:	Steve Garner	Bob Ward
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Also present were:	Patty Chiszar	Jim Chiszar
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Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes of March 29, 2004. Seconded by Addis. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Katz)

- Year-to-date loss of roughly \$20,000. It is noted that the budget is feeling the loss of co-op advertising this year. Last year the ACBL returned a percentage of advertising (roughly \$3000) back to us; the ACBL has discontinued this practice in 2004.
- Current cash on hand for the CCBA is approximately \$120,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Dealing Machine (Sucher)

- Another dealing machine is on its way to Tom Sucher. This one will be the correct voltage and Tom will test. Tom will bring this to our next Board meeting for a demo.

USBF Regional (Sucher)

- The USBF has announced that their 2005 regional will be held in Houston in June or July. Gallery Furniture is contributing \$30,000 in sponsorship money. There is a possibility that the 2007 regional will consider Chicago as a site. More on this as details become available.

NEW BUSINESS

Webmaster, Tom Dressing (Wiebe)

Motion was made by Clark, seconded by Sucher, to give Tom Dressing free plays at CCBA tournaments. Tom currently supports the CCBA website as well as other tournament-related tasks. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee (Chadwell)

- Chadwell has been asked by Wiebe to head the nominating committee for 2004. This committee will interview possible candidates for open director positions on the CCBA Board. The committee will then make recommendations to the full Board to fill these spots. Current directors up for re-election this year are Steve Garner, Jim Kolb, Carl Sharp, Bob Ward and Lavern Wiebe. For those just listed here, please send a formal notice to Frank stating whether or not you wish to remain on the Board for another term. This can be in e-mail form.

KO conditions of contest and playbacks at tournaments (Wiebe)

- There was a discussion on this topic stemming from a recent sectional in Lake Geneva. It was stated that the ACBL has been using random draws in matchups for team games for years, with no playbacks where possible.

ABA/CCBA Tournament (Sharp)

- Carl reported on the recent tournament held at the ABA club on Chicago's south side. Attendance was roughly 50/50 ABA versus CCBA members. This tournament made a few hundred dollars.

Motion was made by Addis, seconded by Sucher to sell (at cost) up to 100 sets of bidding boxes to the ABA. Motion passed.

2006 Charity Grant (Goldstein/Wiebe)

- It has been announced that our district will receive \$20,000 in 2006 from the ACBL. Half of this amount will be given to our unit, to be distributed to charitable organizations. Our Board has set up a committee to ascertain which charities will receive these monies. This committee will be chaired by Schuett. Other members will be Addis, Fox, Wadhwa and possibly Harriette Buckman. This committee will coordinate this effort with the district. A report from this committee will be made at the CCBA December, 2004 meeting.

Second Alternate Status (Wiebe)

- It is announced that Glenna Shanahan is the first alternate for district 13 representative to the ACBL. Our current rep is Harriette Buckman; the second alternate position is unfilled, as no one applied for it.

Caddies for SummerFest (Fox)

- Fox and Goldstein are completing a grid for caddy coverage at our upcoming SummerFest tournament.

This grid will be available to other tournament chairs upon completion.

Harmon Wilkes Award (Wiebe)

- Wiebe reports that Bob Ward will be chairing the Harmon Wilkes Award committee this year. This Board continues to wrestle with this award; are we going to continue to give this? It was suggested that club owner/directors can be a good resource for possible candidates for this award. Ward will make a report on status at our August meeting.

Financial information at website (Katz)

- After discussion at the district 13 meeting in April, Katz has decided that we will keep CCBA financial info off our website. If one of our members requests to see financial reports of the CCBA it will be provided. The general public should not have access to our financial information. Katz will inform our webmaster of this policy.

Incorrect tournament listing at ACBL website (Wiebe)

- Wiebe reports that the ACBL incorrectly lists a STAC tournament to be held the week of June 7. This was an error by Memphis.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

- Jackie has passed the tournament "supply basket" from Clark to Goldstein in preparation for our upcoming SummerFest tournament. John will use, restock and pass on to Hathaway for the Labor Day sectional.
- We now have a site for WinterFest, 2005. It is the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights. All on one level since major reconstruction and with free parking, this site should be a popular one.
- Goldstein gives an update on SummerFest tournament. Goldstein is finalizing the caddie requirements with Fox. It was reported that we have 145 of our committed 200 room nights fulfilled.
- Hathaway conducts discussion on fruit staging. As Hospitality chair it is her decision to offer free plays to the person who agrees to stage the fruit for us.

Site (Kolb)

- Kolb thanks both Addis and Sucher for their help in recent site negotiations.

Motion was made by Addis and seconded by Wadhwa to authorize Kolb to proceed with negotiations for a long-term contract for our labor day tournament. Motion carried.

- Space is a big concern for our Lombard FallFest tournament, so Kolb will not seek a long-term contract at that site.
- It was announced that the Legion Hall site in Northbrook is set to be sold in the next year. That will be the end of our relationship there as a tournament site.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

- Hathaway reports on the food/hospitality planned for the SummerFest tournament. There will be convention card holders as a registration gift; veggies and hors d'oeuvres on Friday night; ice cream on Saturday night. There will be a café open until midnight next to the playing area. Coffee will be available there with free refills.

Scheduling (Sharp)

- Committee needs to meet. This was on schedule for April, 2004.

Communications (Wiebe)

- No report.

Juniors/Education (Schuett)

- Ginny reported that there was a five-table Junior game held during the May 299'er tournament. Ginny will report back to the Board on what scholarships she will be giving this year. There is a 5 masterpoint limit to be eligible to play for a scholarship.
- There will be NO TAP program at Central States this October, although advertising has gone out to the contrary.

Newcomers (Clark)

May 1 & 2 was the 299'er tournament at the Legion Hall in Northbrook. The table count was up from 73 to 126 over last fall's tournament. Clark reports that there is a need for a guaranteed partner for this tournament.

Membership (P. Chiszar)

P. Chiszar reports that we appear to be losing new members after one year. A report from the ACBL shows that our new members are not paying dues after the first year.

Sponsorship (Kolb)

- No report.

Executive Committee (Wiebe)

- The next executive committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 11. Time and location is TBA.

2006 Nationals (Addis)

- Angie Clark engages the Board in discussion on the feasibility of raffling room nights for the 2006 Nationals. Price of the tickets needs to be determined. More on this at our next meeting.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, 2004, at 7:00 PM, at the church in Elmhurst.

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

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Motion made by Addis to sell up to 100 sets of bidding boxes to the ABA. Seconded by Sucher. Motion carried.

Motion made by Addis to authorize Kolb to proceed with a long-term contract for our Labor Day tournament. Seconded by Wadhwa. Motion carried.

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

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2004 are as follows:

- 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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