

**Unit 124 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2023**

Attendance: John Altman, Jim Barrett, Bill Brewer, Arun Goyal, Melissa Hellmann, Bert Luken (by phone), Geri Osborn, and John Williams.

Guests: None

Not in Attendance: John Meinking

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by President Brewer.

Minutes Adopted:

Upon motion by Jim Barrett and second by John Williams, the minutes from the last Board meeting were adopted without objection

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report

- CBA profited approximately \$6,000 on the year without accounting for donations.
- The CBA is not sustaining itself with its club games alone. The tournaments run last year make up the difference and result in the club making profit on the year.
- Approximately \$20,000 was moved from the investment account to the operating account during COVID to help pay rent if necessary. Because the club is no longer operating at a loss, it is no longer necessary to have these funds in the operating account.
- **MOTION:** So moved by Jim Barrett and seconded by John Williams, the treasurer will transfer \$20,000 from the CBA operating account to the investment account to be reinvested. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. District 11 Board Meeting

- The District is proposing a STaC schedule in which Cincinnati will get the summer STaC. The District will also be voting on whether to run a combined STaC with Districts 7 and 10 again this year. The board is in favor of the combined STaC and will vote yes at the June meeting.

3. Committee Assignments

- **Executive Committee:**
 - Members: Bill Brewer, Arun Goyal, John Altman, Melissa Hellman, Bert Luken, and John Williams
- **Membership, Marketing, and Promotion:**
 - Board would like to combine this committee with the education committee due to the fact that we are concerned that the education offering at the club are not actually resulting in those players playing at the club. Bill Brewer will confirm with the ACBL that we can combine these committees.
 - Members: Jim Barrett (Chair), John Altman, Bill Brewer, Arun Goyal, Bert Luken, John Meinking, Geri Osborne, and John Williams.
- **Mentor Program:**
 - Members: John Williams (Chair), Bill Brewer, John Altman

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- **Tournaments:**
 - Bill Brewer will confirm that Pam Campbell is willing to stay on in this role.
- **Board Nominations and Elections:**
 - Members: Geri Osborne (Chair), Jim Barrett
- **Finance**
 - Members: Jim Barrett (Chair), Arun Goyal, Bert Luken, Geri Osborne
- **Policies and Procedures:**
 - Members: John Altman (Chair), Bert Luken, Geri Osborne
- **Bridge Center Operations:**
 - Members: John Meinking (Chair), John Altman, Pam Campbell
- **Partnerships:**
 - Members: Jim Steinke, John Altman, John Meinking, Bill Brewer, Rob Lail
- **District 11 Representatives:**
 - Members: Jim Barrett, Geri Osborne
- **CBC Cleaning:**
 - Members: Bill Brewer
- **Hospitality:**
 - Formal Committee is not needed. Hospitality will be organized by individual directors and tournament organizers.
- **CBA Sanction Manager:**
 - Members: John Altman
- **CBA Supplies:**
 - Members: Barb Levinson
- **NAP/GNT Coordinator:**
 - Members: John Altman
- **Technology:**
 - Members: Will address at the March 2024 meeting
- **ALERT:**
 - Members: Mika Ma (editor)
- **Awards:**
 - Members: Bert Luken
- **Special Events:**
 - Members: Will address at the March 2024 meeting
- **Unit Calendar:**
 - Members: Steve Moese

4. Website

- The Board appoints a committee of Bill Brewer, Terry Barrett, and Geri Osborne to develop a proposal for a potential redesign of the website. The committee will consult with web designers and develop a proposal to present to the board on this potential redesign.
- All proposed changes to the current website must be brought to Bill Brewer and Kevin Henry.

Old Business:

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1. Tournament Updates

- Spring Fling: The tournament has been approved by the ACBL and is now on the ACBL calendar.
- Flying Pig: The tournament has been approved by the ACBL and the schedule is published.
 - Discussion of having a bookseller at the tournament. Bill Brewer and Arun Goyal will reach out the vendor for a potential arrangement
- STaC: Cincinnati will host the Summer STaC.
- Spooktacular: Games will be held at 10:00 am and 2:30 pm and there will be a 10:00 am 2-session playthrough Swiss Team event on Sunday

2. Awards Party

- Awards party will be scheduled for April 13, 2024. Award winners will be recognized with certificates. Award winners will play for free but all other entrants will pay normal entries. Bill Brewer and Bert Luken will coordinate the hospitality.

3. Member Recruitment and Education

- Teach Me Bridge Scheduled for April 24 – May 29
 - This will be 7:00 – 8:30pm on Wednesday Nights. Bill Brewer is promoting the course with ACBL's Boost program. Cost of the program will be \$125 and will include an ACBL membership and teaching materials.
- The Education Committee will review the current curriculum offerings.
- The Membership Committee will look into reaching out to local schools for potential school bridge programs.
- This year the board will put an emphasis on new member recruitment through the use of lapsed member calls, online only emails, a potential membership survey, and increased promotion of the mentor/mentee program.

4. Additional Directors

- Additional directors are still needed. We do not need directors to hold their own sanctions and run their own clubs, we mostly need additional directors who can act as subs and/or run 1-2 games per month (i.e. the Saturday game).

The Trustees will meet on March 9, 2024, at 10:00 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Altman, Secretary