

Cincinnati Bridge Association Board of Trustees (Directors)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2012

Board President A.J. Stephani called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were: Mary Clifton, Cordell Coy, Patrick Hoffman, Barb Levinson, Ron Manne, Potter Orr, Mike Purcell, A.J. Stephani. Members Absent: Gayle Keaney.

The January minutes were approved with noted changes regarding student game fees.

All action items from the January meeting were completed:

- Mike reported that he had talked to both Linda and Nancy regarding a better arrangement for student game fees. The discussion provided no common ground and the issue was tabled for further discussion at a later meeting.
- Mike reported that he had also talked with Annease and Kay regarding 0-20 Saturday game letting them know that the current arrangement of being an augment to their game was only a trial and that changes could happen later. No concerns were raised by the sanction holders.
- AJ reported that he had communicated with both ACBL and Trisha Blackwell regarding the BCBC request for additional special games. We rejected two of her three requests. See last months minutes.
- AJ reported that Mike Lipp had secured all the requested sanctions for the open game slots.
- Patrick reported that he had ordered the new name tags.

The board agreed to review progress in the following three areas at each meeting during 2012 as these are our three (longer term) priorities.

- membership care and recruitment - Potter indicated that he had been reviewing the lists of players who had not played recently and for those without a valid email address sent them a postcard inviting them to play and an email to others.
- lease and location - AJ has provided a copy of the lease agreement to Cordell and Bob Brown. He also has contacted a commercial realtor, but has not been happy with the responsiveness of the realtor.
- sanction holder relationship and communication - Potter and Ron will meet now that Ron is back in town.

Cordell reported that the upcoming April STAC schedule has been agreed to by committee members. The schedule will be much the same as last July's STAC with 3 sessions on Tuesday, two on Saturday, and added evening games on Wednesday and Friday, and a Sunday swiss. He also indicated that the committee felt it appropriate to change the financial arrangement with the sanction holders. The new agreement requires the sanction holder to enforce the zero tolerance policy, and it allows them to run a game in the time period of their usual game if they so choose. All additional games will be run by CBA. Board members agreed with these changes.

In 2016, the Derby and Mother's day fall in the same weekend, and this is a problem for the timing of the Flying Pig. Usually we run the week before Mother's day, but in 2016, not wanting to conflict with the Derby, we chose the week after. This conflicts with dates for the Lexington sectional and thus we have a request to move. The tournament committee has discussed the issue but did not find a good alternative in the same time

period. AJ suggested the possibility of moving the tournament to mid-June. Indianapolis was turned down by the district when they wanted move to that time period, but that was because it would concentrate district meetings to closely. Moving the Flying Pig to that time would not suffer the same trouble. The tournament committee will discuss, but the issue will be discussed and possibly decided by the district at the Indianapolis meeting.

Barb and Cordell were appointed as CBA representatives to the district meeting in Indianapolis.

Mike talked about status with the high school program. He said that Indian Hill had a small turnout for the program even though he had a much larger number on an interest sign-up sheet. He hopes it will provide a toe-hold and thinks it could grow with some persistence. The interest sign-up sheet at Mason is much smaller, hence that program will likely be delayed till next year.

Mike also talked about the 0-20 Saturday game. He deemed it successful even though the second week only had 2 tables turnout. He indicated that the feedback from the program was largely positive and that the smaller turnout was due to personal scheduling and not loss of interest.

We discussed the upcoming Awards party. We approved Everitt's budget and decided to keep the game on Tuesday April 3rd instead of moving to an unoccupied Wednesday evening. We also decided that we wanted to have the new life masters play free, but didn't want to make the bookkeeping and money handling difficult. Therefore, we elected to give free plays for a future game to new life masters attending the Awards party.

Potter reported that he had taken the newly broken copier to the repair shop on Friday. They were able to get the needed parts and repair it for \$70. The copier is back and operating tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Cordell Coy
Recording Secretary