

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM. All board members were present and Potter Orr was there as advisor.

July minutes with corrections are posted on the website. The August minutes were handed out. Ron Manne moved and Mike Purcell seconded that they be approved as written. The board approved the minutes unanimously.

Mulford Petition Resolution

Steve Moese handed the board a packet of papers. Contained were emails between Steve Moese and the ACBL regarding his conversation with the ACBL on the matter. The ACBL affirmed that:

- 1) Sanction holders can sell sanctions,
- 2) That Units can buy sanctions, and
- 3) That the ACBL interpretation of the non-compete regulation applies to instances where verbal agreements or promises exist. The ACBL prefers individual ownership to Unit ownership for standard game sanctions because it lowers the liability profile for Units and the ACBL.

The ACBL affirmed their desire that a negotiated settlement with the Unit 124 Board and the affected parties was in the best interest to resolve the dispute.

The board agreed Mike Lipp and Kay Mulford were due consideration. The board was not aware of any verbal agreement between the two parties (i.e. Comers and Mulford) prior to offering the honorarium, however there was indeed a conversation between the parties. Therefore the board will offer consideration to Ms. Mulford.

Mike Lipp had income expectations from the 3 Saturday games given to Ms. Mulford. Therefore the Board will offer consideration to Michael Lipp. Both offers are a good faith effort to reach a negotiated settlement in accordance with the recommendation from the ACBL.

Separate contracts were written pending Board consent to both Mike Lipp who currently runs the Thursday evening game and Kay Mulford who will run the odd-numbered Saturday games. Mike had signed his and we were awaiting Kay's signature. Potter agreed to get Kay's signature.

The ACBL's interpretation of its regulations guide us as follows: that if the Unit owns sanctions, it must honor a request for ownership by a qualified individual. Only in the case where the Unit is the historical custodian of the game will the Unit keep the game (Tuesday Evening). Our role as Board members means we act in good faith based on the letter of ACBL regulations, how the regulations are interpreted by ACBL leadership, and by our charter.

During the District Board meeting Steve talked to the District 11 President. Proper grievance procedure was not followed so no grievance would be heard by the District Board at that meeting. District 11 wants a negotiated settlement.

AJ said there were 2 sets of complaints - one from Kay Mulford and the other from Adrienne and Vince Netherwood. The only concrete issue is the one from Kay Mulford. We will take steps if any to address any complaint from other parties once an issue is concrete.

The board wants to move toward negotiated settlement.

Tom Mess moved and Ron Manne seconded that Kay would be given the odd Saturday afternoon game including the lease agreement for the balance of her existing lease. 7 yes, 1 nay, AJ abstained. This affirmed the contract written for Kay Mulford.

We also voted to offer Mike Lipp the Thursday evening game and space on Wednesday with no rent for 3 months and 1/2 rent for 3 months to run a game. Vote: 8 yes, (AJ Abstained). This affirmed the contract written for Michael Lipp.

We also agreed to continue to lease the Tuesday morning game to AJ Stephani temporarily while retaining the sanction thereto. Final disposition of the sanction for this game is pending Board decision.

Financial Policy

The ACBL financial policy statement page was shared with board members to be used as a guide in making Unit financial decisions. The ACBL says the Unit owns all Unit resources.

The CBA Finance committee is working to complete the cost center accounting approach for the CBC. This will put the CBC finances in a clear light and enable better management decisions.

We discussed maintaining two separate checkbooks - one for the CBA (Cincinnati Bridge Association) and the other for the CBC (Cincinnati Bridge Center). Susan Wisner will create the second account for the CBC expenditures.

We reviewed the three separate finance policies (2 in force and one on cost center management proposed). Steve asked Mike Purcell to work with the Finance Committee to merge the policies into one coherent document to govern CBA and CBC finances. The finance committee (John Meinking, Tom Mess, Susan Wisner and Steve Moese will meet with Mike to consolidate CBA financial policy.

Elections

Joe Muenks will once again be in charge. It was agreed that we allow voting at the bridge games (for those that will not attend the Sectional where voting always occurs) at Joe Muenk's discretion. We will a board member appointed for one opportunity for each game.

The ACBL was contacted pertaining an obituary for Nancy Sachs. One will be in the November issue of the ACBL bulletin.

Tournament Committee.

AJ Stephani shall continue to be the CBC coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned.