

CBA Board Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Steve Moese, Tom Mess, Pam Campbell, Mike Purcell, and Larry Newman. A. J. Stephani (*ex officio member*) was also in attendance. Kay Mulford and Mike Lipp were also in attendance for part of the meeting. Robert Brown attended the last part of the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

Election Results

The Board accepted the election results. Joe Muenks recommended that the process for the elections begin in July. The Board agrees with Joe's recommendation. In addition, the Board, on behalf of the entire Cincinnati Bridge Association community, expressed its appreciation for Joe's hard work and dedication for the running of the elections.

Directory Update

Mike Lipp volunteered to update the CBA directory. The Board suggested that members be reminded that if their residence or email addresses are incorrect with the ACBL National Office, then the correct process is to provide the ACBL National Office with the correct information.

NAP/GNT

The NAP was held at the CBC November 14 & 15. There were 105 tables at the NAP. Feedback about the NAP will be provided at the district level.

The GNT will be held at the CBC January 30 & 31, 2016.

Unit Calendar

Calendar updates for the upcoming year need to be provided to Nalin Mehta. It is expected that the 2016 calendar will be updated prior to the end of November.

Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership meeting for the CBA will be held at 5:30 P.M. on December 15th. Members attending will be asked to provide their ACBL number.

Accounting Computer

The Board discussed if it made sense to have a dedicated computer at the CBC for our accounting records. No decision was made, but Pam Campbell volunteered to look into this idea more.

Tuesday Night Unit Game

There was considerable discussion on the Tuesday Night game. Iris Libby resigned as an available director for Tuesday night. Rob Weidenfeld is unavailable for an undetermined time due to health issues. Mr. Stephani noted that while there are approximately 50 ACBL sanctioned directors within the unit, few have expressed interest in directing games at the CBA. The Tuesday night game represents about 10% of the total tables played at the CBC.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Stephani volunteered to resign as the Director-in-Charge. Ms. Mulford volunteered to be the Director-in-Charge.

Upon motion by Mike Purcell, seconded by Steve Moese, the following was adopted with 4 in favor, 2 abstaining:

Ms. Kay Mulford is hereby appointed the Director-in-Charge, effective after November 17, 2015.

Mr. Stephani agreed to provide the Board and Ms. Mulford with the most current job description for the Director-in-Charge.

Winter Coat and Sweater Drive

The Board ratified the email agreement by a majority of the Board members to allow a Winter Coat and Sweater Drive at the CBC.

Wednesday AM Game Sanction

Mike Lipp will be starting an Open Game on Wednesday morning on January 6, 2016. The Home Style game will continue to be held. The ACBL does not consider it a conflict when two games are run at the same time at the same location when the games are a different type. (A conflict would occur if two open games were held at the same time and location.) Kay and Mike agreed to work together to make sure that both games have computer scoring.

Retirement of Shemwold Plaque

The Board adopted unanimously the retirement of the Shemwold Plaque, which is no longer funded and has not had an award recipient since 2009.

CBC Lease Proposal

Robert Brown joined the Board and presented a new lease proposal for the current CBC location on Cooper Road. The proposed lease renewal would be for 10 years, beginning March 1, 2017. The landlord has agreed to:

- Resurface the parking lot and stripe
- Add parking lot lighting as needed
- Remodel both hall restrooms
- Ensure better barrier free access to the building through improvements to the front entrance

The proposed base rent for the first 5 years will be a continuance of the current rate. For years 6-10, there would be a 3% increase.

The Board asked that Robert continue his discussions with the landlord since the railing on the back entrance needed to be repaired. The Board also asked for further clarification of responsibility for the replacement of HVAC units, if needed. Robert also agreed that he would draft the lease agreement on behalf of the CBA.

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:43 P.M.

Tom Mess
CBA Secretary