

2017 CBA Board Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. In attendance were Steve Moese, Pam Campbell, Barry Wauligman, Tom Mess, Elaine Jarchow, Nalin Mehta and John Meinking. Mike Lipp, Steve Messinger, and Larry Newman were also present during the meeting.

Minutes Approval

The minutes of the October 17th meeting, as amended, were unanimously approved by the Board. Per our usual practice, the minutes will be posted on the CBA website.

Incoming Board Member

John Meinking announced that Pam Campbell, Nalin Mehta, and Steve Messinger were elected to three year terms commencing in 2018. Steve was welcomed by the Board as a new Trustee. The Board appreciates CBA members willing to serve on the Board.

Parking Situation

The new owner of the VIOX property recently moved in and repaved the parking lot. Several of the Trustees noted that there appear to be parking spaces available during the week from 9:30AM to 3PM. The Board will recontact the new owner in several weeks to explain the CBC's occasional need for extra parking spaces when the owner's parking needs business will not be adversely affected.

Compensation Review

Dan Koppenhafer will chair a committee to review the CBA's compensation policies.

Holiday Party – December 16th

The Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 16. There will be a free newcomer game at 9:30AM. The Holiday Brunch starts at Noon, followed by a 1PM game. The cost for brunch and the 1PM game will be \$20/person. For brunch only (for newcomers game) is \$15/person. For the 1PM game only, the cost is \$10/person.

Reservations are needed and will be handled by Joy Singerman.

Annual Board Dinner/Meeting

The Annual Board Dinner will be held at Haveli Indian Grill at 9446 Water Front Dr., West Chester, OH (Streets of West Chester) on December 13.

NAP Qualifier Games

The timing of the NAP Qualifier Games is still being discussed with District 11.

Sublease for CY 2018

John Meinking submitted a draft Sublease Agreement for 2018. Tom Mess suggested two minor edits, which were accepted. Tom will send the draft 2018 to the 2018 sanction holders, including Pam Campbell, who will take over the Saturday afternoon sanction. A copy of the draft 2018 Agreement is attached to the minutes.

Education for 2018

The Board briefly discussed education efforts for 2018, noting that there upcoming are 2 OLLI classes and a bridge outreach session at the Jewish Community Center.

Upon motion by Steve Moese and seconded by Elaine Jarchow, the Board unanimously authorized the spending of up to \$1,500 for the purchase of a large screen TV and color ink jet printer for the CBC.

Pam Campbell is willing to purchase the items, provided she has help on selecting the devices.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be at the Annual Board Dinner on December 13th.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board adjourned around 5:40 P.M.

Tom Mess, Secretary Unit 124

Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting

Immediately following the adjournment of the November, 2017 Board meeting, the Annual Membership Meeting commenced around 5:45 PM. In excess of 50 members were at the Annual Meeting.

John Meinking chaired the meeting. John introduced A.J. Stephani as the District 11 Representative for District 11 and asked him to explain his role.

A.J. explained the governance structure of both the ACBL and District 11. He also briefed the members on upcoming challenges for the ACBL, including the decline of participation in ACBL tournaments. There are about 1,200 ACBL tournaments annually in the U.S. A.J. will be working with 24 other Representatives with the new CEO of the ACBL, Bahar Gidwani, who succeeded Bob Hartmann on July 1st.

John Meinking reminded members that the Holiday Party will be held on December 16th as a brunch and game with a special free game for newcomers at 9:30AM.

John also asked for any nominations for the Jerry Steurenagle Award, the Patty Eber Award, and the Nancy Sachs Award.

The Jerry **Steurenagle Award** is presented annually to the duplicate bridge player best exemplifying the principles of ethics, kindness, and high character in bridge. The award is based on 4 factors:

- 1) Contribution to the promotion of duplicate bridge,
- 2) Action in setting high ethical standards,
- 3) Compassion, sportsmanship and sense of humor,
- 4) Willingness to help less experienced players.

The **Patty Eber Award** is given to an individual demonstrating extraordinary service to the Unit and to Duplicate Bridge.

Several nominations were made from the floor. John asked that additional nominations be forward to either Debbie Cummings or him.

After taking questions and comments from the members, John closed the Annual Membership meeting at about 6:45 PM.