

CBA Board Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Pam Campbell, Nalin Mehta, Barry Wauligman, and Steve Moese. Tom Mess attended via phone. A. J. Stephani was also in attendance. Kay Mulford, Larry Newman, and Norm Coombs joined while the meeting was in progress.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting, as amended, were approved.

Steuernagle & Eber Awards

The Board discussed the Steuernagle & Eber Awards. The Steuernagle Award is for sportsmanship in bridge. The Eber Award is for recognition for the achievement of long service to the Cincinnati Bridge Association – Unit 124. The Board is considering Helen Ogle for the one of the Awards. John Meinking will contact the prior Steuernagle award winners for any recommendation they might have on a potential candidate.

In addition to the discussion on the above awards, the Board approved the following resolution moved by Pam Campbell and seconded by Nalin Mehta:

The Board will eliminate the awards for most Masterpoints earned at the Cincinnati Regional tournament or Cincinnati Sectionals. The plaques associated with these awards will be retired.

Awards Party – April 19 at 7 P.M.

The Awards Party is scheduled for April 19th at 7 P.M. Patty Eber and Cliff Pleatman generously agreed to manage the Awards Party.

CBC Flyer due to Closing of Sycamore Senior Center

The Board believes it makes sense to incentivize the non-ACBL/non-Deschappelles members who were regularly playing bridge at the Sycamore Senior Center. The bridge games will no longer be available after March 31, 2016. Upon motion by Pam Campbell and seconded by Tom Mess, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The CBA will offer free space for a current director at the Sycamore Senior Center to run a game at the CBC on April 1, 2016 for individuals who were playing at the Sycamore Senior Center. In addition, any non-member of the ACBL or Deschappelles who was playing at the Sycamore Senior Center will be permitted to play in the CBC games offered from April 11 through April 30, 2016 at the cost of \$2/game. The sanction holders for those CBC games will not be charged by the CBA for participation by the non-members during that aforementioned time period.

A flyer will be prepared advertising this offer and be delivered to the Sycamore Senior Center as soon as practicable.

Spring STaC – April 4 through April 10, 2016

The Board noted the timing of the Spring STaC. Specifically, the Board decided not to extend the \$2/game offer to Sycamore Senior Center non-member players who played at the CBC during the STaC.

CBC Lease Extension

John Meinking reported that he has two copies of the signed leased extension for 2860 Cooper Road. He will deliver one of the copies to the Secretary for the CBA records and a copy to Steve Moese, who will post a copy on the Unit Google Drive Account.

GNT Funds Request

A.J. Stephani requested that the Board approve funding for the winning GNT Unit 124 participants. The Board has approved in the past funding of up to \$500 per team, which is then matched by District 11 funds, to help defray travel expenses for the GNT. If the winning GNT team is comprised of non-Unit 124 members, the Unit 124 funding is appropriately prorated. Upon motion by Pam Campbell and seconded by Steve Moese, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The Board agreed to fund the travel expenses for the 2015-16 GNT teams as follows:
Championship Flight: \$250 (3 of the 6 players – Bill Higgins, Eugene Siutsau, and Bob Sulgrove-- are Unit members and on the winning team)
Flight A: \$125 (1 of the 4 players -- Pete Whipple -- is on the winning team)
Flight B: \$250 (2 of the 4 players -- Isaac Stephani and Vijay Vasudevan are on the winning team)
Flight C: \$500 (all 4 players – Julian Kurtzman, John Williams, Reeta Brendamour, and Barry Wauligman are Unit members)

The travel expense reimbursement occurs after participation in the 2016 Summer NABC held in Washington D.C. this year.

CBA Financials

Pam Campbell, Treasurer, provided Profit & Loss Statements for the months of January and February, 2016 to the Board for review. Pam asked how often should the Treasurer provide a balance sheet. The Board requested that a balance sheet be provided on a quarterly basis.

CBC Renovations

There were two bids for remodeling the CBC. The Remodeling Subcommittee, comprised of John Meinking, Nalin Mehta, and Barry Wauligman, had reviewed both bids in detail. After discussion, upon motion by Steve Moese and seconded by Larry Newman, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The Board authorizes the Remodeling Subcommittee to work with National Construction LLC to spend up to \$25,000 to begin remodeling the CBC, concentrating on the following four areas:

- a. Replacement of ceiling tiles and repair of ceiling tracks;
- b. Replacement of overhead lighting;

- c. Remodeling of women's restroom; and
- d. Painting of all walls and trim

The Board requested the Remodeling Subcommittee to make sure there are no hidden costs involved in the remodeling.

The Board specifically noted that there will be additional remodeling of the CBC, but the above mentioned four areas are targeted for completion in 2016.

Congratulations to Winners of Golder North American Pairs Flight B

Steve Moese asked the Board to congratulate A.J. Stephani as the winner in the Golder North American Pairs – Flight B, together with his partner Ryan Schultz. The Board further congratulated Steve Moese and Mike Ma, who placed second.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at about 6:50 P.M.

Tom Mess
Secretary