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CBA Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Steve Moese, Tom Mess, Sonya Wilson (by phone), Nalin Metha, Pam Campbell, and Bob Fisk. A. J. Stephani (*ex officio member*) was also in attendance. Mike Purcell was away due to a business trip.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 4, 2015 meeting were approved.

Review of the Draft Sub-lease Agreement for Sanction Holders

The Board had an extensive discussion of the draft sub-lease agreement between the CBA and the ACBL Sanction Holders that sub-lease space at the Cincinnati Bridge Center (CBC) for their games. There were several minor wording changes to the draft, but there were several issues that needed further discussion with the Operations Committee, which includes the Sanction Holders. These open issues are:

- a. How to handle missed games, both weather-related and non-weather-related. When there are missed games, neither the Sanction Holders nor the CBC generates income, yet the CBA remains responsible for the monthly rent to the building owner;
- b. How should STaC week be handled. During STaC week, the start times are different and many CBA members participate in the three different sessions each day. How will there be sufficient directors to cover all the STaC games?
- c. How to handle other special ACBL games. Some ACBL games, such as Instant Match Games, require a specific start time. How can special ACBL games be offered at the CBC in cooperation with the Sanction Holders?
- d. How to structure the table fees fairly, particularly since evening games typically have fewer tables. Does it make sense to have a different table fee for the evening directors when it is clear that day games are generally preferred by more CBA members?

The Operations Committee is scheduled to meet on February 7. Tom Mess will forward a copy of the revised draft Sub-Lease Agreement to the Operations Committee members prior to the meeting together with the specific issues that bear further discussion.

American Bridge Association

Annease and Marvin Comer requested that the CBC be leased to them for the American Bridge Association Sectional in June on June 7, concurrent with when the Cincinnati Regional is held. The table fee would be the \$15/table fee. The Board also asked that the Comers be offered the option of using space at the Sharonville Convention Center for free since there will be adequate space and potentially introduces more ABA members to the CBA/ACBL.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan Wisner reviewed the 2014 Balance Sheet and P&L statement with the Board. The CBA had Net Income of \$23,778.02 for 2014, with \$11,171.08 attributable to the CBC and \$12,606.94 related to non-CBC activity, such as tournaments. President Meinking also reported that the CBA earned over \$4,200 from its investments.

Layout of Bridge Center

The Board discussed the rough layout of both a remodeled Cooper Road facility and at a different building. The layouts are being used to explore the "wish list" for improvements in the CBC facility. This is in anticipation of the expiration of the lease for the Cooper Road facility in February, 2017.

Potential Purchase of Trailer

Mr. Stephani suggested that the CBA consider the purchase of a trailer to store tournament equipment. It would have the advantage of being less expensive than the rental of storage space and allowing the transportation of all the

tournament equipment in just one trip versus multiple trips for SUVs, station wagons, etc. The Board requested that Mr. Stephani gather additional information on costs and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

February Meeting Cancellation Confirmed

The Board confirmed that the February meeting will not be held. The next Board meeting will be March 10.

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:35 P.M.

Tom Mess
CBA Secretary

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