

CBA Board Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2014

Approved November 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Susan Wisner, A. J. Stephani, Steve Moese, Mike Purcell, Ron Manne, Tom Mess, and Barb Levinson. Sonya Wilson was unable to attend. Carol Vradelis was also in attendance.

Minutes

On motion by Ron Manne and seconded by Mike Purcell, the Board adopted the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting. On motion by Tom Mess and seconded by Ron Manne, the Board adopted the minutes of the Special Board Meetings of October 7 and 14, 2014.

Questions from Member

Carol Vradelis had two questions for the Board. First, she asked for additional information about three potential options the Board had discussed in its May 20th meeting about the future direction of the Cincinnati Bridge Center (CBC). President Moese responded that the Board does not have enough data to make decisions about the CBC at this time. Treasurer Wisner has worked on separating CBC activity from other CBA activity for accounting purposes to allow the Board to review realistically the financials of the CBC. Any future direction of the CBC will involve input from the CBC Committee, which is comprised of Board Members and the CBC Sanction Holders.

Second, Ms. Vradelis asked about the current cleaning contract with Coverall. She specifically wanted to state to the Board that she felt Tonya, a Coverall employee, was doing a good job in cleaning. President Moese responded that the Board is looking at bidding out the cleaning contract to several other cleaning companies, with Coverall being included in the bidding process. President Moese expressed his appreciation for Ms. Vradelis's comments. Ms. Vradelis left the meeting at 5:26 P.M.

Netherwood Complaint

President Moese advised the Board that he had received the minutes of the October 10th mediation meeting from Mr. Terrell Holt. All Board members present signed the minutes and President Moese also signed on behalf of Sonya Wilson based on her prior authorization. With the signatures of Mr. Vince & Ms. Adrienne Netherwood, this resolves the ACBL Complaint. At about 6:30 P.M., Ms. Netherwood joined the meeting. She explained that Mr. Netherwood was unable to attend this meeting, but agreed that they would review the minutes one last time, have both of them sign it, and forward the signed agreement to Mr. Holt. After receiving the Board-signed minutes, Ms. Netherwood excused herself from the meeting.

Northern Kentucky Sectional

There was a brief report on the successful Northern Kentucky Sectional recently held. The NKy Club cleared about \$870 as a result of the Sectional. The Board agreed that Ms. Elaine Jarchow of the NKy Club would be advanced \$1,800 for pre-Sectional expenses for the next NKy Sectional. (The \$1,800 was the reserve previously set aside for the Middletown Sectional.)

District 11 GNT/NAPs

After the successful holding of the District 11 NAP finals at the CBC this fall, District 11 requested that the November, 2015 NAPs be held at the CBC. On motion by Susan Wisner and seconded by Barb Levinson, the Board unanimously agreed to holding the District 11 NAPs at the CBC. Ms. Wisner reminded the Board that District 11 provides a fee of \$1,600 for holding the GNT/NAPs and that we need to be sure that we have cleaning personnel available for the event. (The CBA has hosted the District 11 NAP finals for over a decade.)

Nominating Committee

President Moese mentioned that the upcoming Board elections included that ability to have Absentee ballots. Anyone interested in an Absentee ballot needs to contact Joe Muenks directly.

Other Business

Mr. Moese reported that the new owner of the Viox Building on Reading Road (with available parking adjunct to the CBC) has agreed to continue to lease parking spaces to the CBC for \$200/month.

Ms. Liz Linn has requested that the CBC post a partnership sign-up sheet. President Moese asked that this matter be referred to Ms. Joanne Earls for handling.

President Moese asked that the Board address its financial policy update prior to completing work on the new lease agreement. He stated that the financial policy ought to reflect that the CBC should be managed as a separate cost center apart from other CBA activity and that the CBC should break even in terms of costs and income. With an agreed financial policy, the new lease terms will be clear and supported by consistent board action based on sound financial principles.

President Moese reported that the Annual Holiday Party will be held December 10, with Melanie Onnen and Diane Thaller agreeing to run the event. Mike Lipp agreed to direct the game for free.

Mr. Stephani reported that Unit 105 (Toledo area) had complained in 2012 about the date of the Cincinnati Regional conflicting with Unit 105's Regional, which is held every even year. CBA has adjusted its 2018 Regional date to avoid this conflict.

Ms. Wisner stated a member expressed dissatisfaction with the stratification of several sanctioned games. President Moese responded that stratification decisions are up to the sanction holders, although the CBC Committee could issue general guidelines on stratification.

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:45 P.M.

Tom Mess
Secretary *pro tempore*