

CBA Board Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Steve Moese, Tom Mess, Sonya Wilson, Nalin Mehta, Pam Campbell, Susan Wisner, and Bob Fisk. A. J. Stephani (*ex officio member*) and Mike Lipp were also in attendance.

Minutes

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

Education Report

Mike Purcell talked briefly about the status of on-going education efforts at the CBC. Mike thought it would be helpful if the CBA could develop 3-4 teachers who had a common approach to what new bridge players would be taught. Tom Mess suggested we should consider the ACBL Standard Yellow Card, but there was not agreement. Mike will continue to explore various options.

Review of the Draft Sub-lease Agreement for Sanction Holders

Tom Mess reviewed for the Board the draft sub-lease agreement that was discussed with the Sanction Holders that sub-lease space at the Cincinnati Bridge Center (CBC). The Board approved the final draft of the Sublease Agreement. Tom will forward to the Sanction Holders a copy of the Agreement approved by the Board. Tom was authorized by the Board to discuss the agreement with the Sanction Holders, but would need further Board approval if there are changes to the agreement. It is expected that the Agreements will be signed by the Sanction Holders within 30 days after the Agreement is received by the Holders.

Update on Cincinnati Regional

A.J. Stephani briefly reported on the upcoming Regional from June 1-7. He pointed out that the Regional opens on June 1 at 2:30 P.M. with ProAm Pairs, which Nancy Luetge is coordinating. The Regional is also a "Split Regional" with Evansville. This means that for the Gold Rush Pairs and Open Pairs at 10 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, the tables at both regionals will be combined to determine the master points awarded.

American Bridge Association

A.J. Stephani also mentioned that Annease and Marvin Comer accepted the invitation to bring the ABA Tournament to the Sharonville Convention Center during our Regional. There will be adequate space and potentially introduces more ABA members to the CBA/ACBL and vice versa.

Purchase of Trailer

Mr. Stephani had provided additional information to the Board on the purchase of a trailer to store tournament equipment. It has the advantage of being less expensive long-term 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 adopted 9-0 a resolution that authorized Mr. Stephani to purchase a trailer, not to exceed \$4,000 provided arrangements are made for secure and proper storage of the trailer. After the trailer is secured and loaded with the tournament equipment, the rental of the storage space will cease.

Playing Cards

Several Board members mentioned that several frequently used boards have substandard playing cards. John Meinking asked that when a board member notices substandard playing cards in a board that the member mention it to the Director of the current game. Bob Fisk suggested that there should be yearly audits of the playing cards to assure that decks are timely replaced.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan Wisner had previously provided a copy of the 2015 Balance Sheet for the first two months. The P&L statement was unavailable because not all the data had been received from the sanction holders timely. The Board ex-

pressed its desire to have the sanction holder information received within 10 days after the close of the prior month. This is consistent with the ACBL standards for the monthly report by directors for club games. John Meinking had also provided information to the Board on the investment portfolio for the CBA.

Awards Game

Cliff Pleatman has agreed to take over responsibility for the Awards Game, which is scheduled April 8 at 6:30 P.M. Ev Kitchen is working with Cliff to transition this responsibility. There is still a need for someone to help with the food.

Mentor/Mentee

Bob Fisk reported that the Mentor/Mentee program will continue for 2015. There will be 8 sessions planned. Bob has provided information on the Mentor/Mentee program and the planned sessions to Steve Moese and are already posted on the CBA website calendar.

Tuesday Night Game

Mr. Stephani mentioned that he and Potter Orr are interested in transitioning out of the responsibility of directing the Tuesday night game. There are advantages and disadvantages to the CBA divesting itself of the Tuesday Night Game. The advantage of retaining the game is that it is a good training ground for new directors. The disadvantage is that the CBA must continue to find directors and issue 1099's.

Longest Day

Mr. Stephani reported that the ACBL wants Sunday, June 21, and Monday, June 22, to be when Longest Day sessions to support the Alzheimer's Association would be run. Many clubs have requested that the ACBL permit "Longest Day" games to also be run on June 20. He will report later on the results of discussions with the ACBL.

Unit e-mail and website communication procedure

Steve Moese presented the standards (posted to the CBA website) and a letter to the Sanction Holders informing them of changes based on the ACBL's Terms of Use (protecting Personally Identifiable Information) and the Unit's desire to minimize extraneous e-mails to members. The Board referred the letter to Tom Mess for a rewrite to simplify the message.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21 at 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:50 P.M.

Tom Mess
CBA Secretary