

CBA Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Steve Moese, Tom Mess, Nalin Mehta, Pam Campbell, Susan Wisner, Mike Purcell, and Bob Fisk. A. J. Stephani (*ex officio member*) was also in attendance. Kay Mulford and Mo Mineard were also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting were approved.

GNT Funds Request

A number of Unit 124 members participated in the Grand National Team (GNT) games recently held. District 11 awards \$500 per team to offset travel expenses. An additional \$500 of District funds are available and matched dollar for dollar for money awarded by the GNT participants' home unit. Unit 124 has historically asked participants to make the request to the Board after completion of the GNT tournament at the North American Bridge Championships.

On motion by Tom Mess and seconded by Steve Moese, the following was adopted 5-0, with John Meinking and Bob Fisk abstaining:

Unit 124 awards funding to the following Unit 124 members in the specified amounts:

For the Championship Flight: \$167 to Bill Higgins and Yauheni Siutsau (remaining 4 team members were from other District 11 units)

For Flight B: \$375 to A.J. Stephani, John Meinking, and Bob Fisk (remaining team member from other District 11 unit)

For Flight C: \$500 to Isaac Stephani, Julian Kurtzman, John Williams, and John Caster (all team members from Unit 124)

There was discussion on the proper protocol for GNT participants to request Unit funds to offset travel expenses. Tom Mess volunteered to draft a sample letter that would be sent to Unit 124 members who participate in the GNT tournament at Nationals.

Sub-lease Agreements

With the exception of the Deschappelles club, all Club Managers signed the Sub-Lease Agreement with the CBA. Tom Mess will contact Debbie Wiest and Nancy Sage to have the Deschappelles club contract signed. Tom Mess volunteered to retain the signed contracts.

Cleaning

There was considerable discussion of the directors' responsibilities for the cleaning of CBC after the completion of a game. Kay Mulford noted that food is no longer permitted outside for cats due to possible ants. She noted that after some games, food is left out, which creates a similar problem with ants. The Board agreed that having a clean and ant-free environment for CBA members is important. Specifically, the Board noted that the CBC Operations Committee, which has 5 board members on it and the various sanction holders is the best forum for resolving these issues. If there are CBC cleanliness issues that need immediate attention, directors can contact any of the board members on the CBC Operations committee or a member of the Cleaning Committee.

Update on Cincinnati Regional

A.J. Stephani briefly reported on the upcoming Regional from June 1-7. Several Unit members wore promotional Flying Pig Regional t-shirts at the recent Nationals in New Orleans, receiving favorable comments from attendees. The caddy fees will be raised to \$35/session. The overall caddy fees will be lower than in past regionals due to the increased usage of the electronic BridgeMates for scoring. A.J. encouraged the Board members to push the team games since that it a large draw for regionals.

Trailer Update

The trailer for storage of equipment for tournaments was purchased. The Board specifically thanks Dennis Schultz for driving to and from Louisville to pick up the new trailer. John Meinking will be registering the trailer with the BMV to obtain license plates. The trailer will be in use for the transportation of equipment to the Regional. Susan Wisner volunteered to contact Public Storage to determine how much notice needs to be given before we vacate the storage rental unit.

Quarterly Financial Update

Susan Wisner and John Meinking provided the quarterly financial update. On motion by Nalin Mehta and seconded by Tom Mess, the Board adopted the financial reports. Susan Wisner agreed to provide a condensed quarterly financial report to Steve Moese for posting on the Unit 124 website.

Mentor/Mentee

Bob Fisk confirmed that the Mentor/Mentee program will be run similar to the 2014 program. Letters to Mentees will go out around the end of this month.

Tuesday Night Game

There was discussion of the Tuesday Night Game, which does not have robust participation. Kay Mulford suggested asking members why there is now less interest in the Tuesday night game. A.J. Stephani reiterated that he and Potter Orr are interested in transitioning out of the responsibility of directing the Tuesday night game, but finding replacement directors may be difficult. The Board identified three issues to be considered for the Tuesday night game. (1) Should the CBA continue to hold the sanction for the Tuesday Night Game? (2) Should the CBA transition to an individual sanction holder interested in the Tuesday Night Game? (3) The Tuesday Night Game has been used to help train new directors. What will be the forum for training and developing new directors is the Tuesday Night Game is no longer a CBA held sanction? The consensus of the Board was that we should pursue these issues with a recommended course of action by June 1.

Longest Day

Mr. Stephani reported that the ACBL still wants Sunday, June 21, and Monday, June 22, to be when Longest Day sessions to support the Alzheimer's Association would be run. The CBA members who volunteered to run the Longest Day sessions as well as any special games on Saturday, June 20, will have the discretion to determine what and when sessions will be run.

Education Report

Mike Purcell made three points about the Education Committee's efforts on the supervised play on Saturday mornings. (1) Participants will be asked to sign in when arriving on Saturday. This will allow the volunteer supervisors to equitably place the participants with a partner for that day. (2) The fee for the supervised play will be raised from \$2 to \$3. (3) While there are a number of non-ACBL members playing on Saturday morning, those choosing ACBL membership will be given 5 free plays for Saturday morning and 1 free play for other CBC games. There was a suggestion that perhaps Mike could offer 2 or 3 plays at other CBC games at a reduced rate rather than just 1 free play. Mike agreed to take this under advisement.

July STaC

Fliers for the July STaC starting on July 6 will go out after the Cincinnati Regional. It was agreed that the CBC Operations Committee needs to work out the director schedule for the STaC.

At this point, the Board thanked Kay Mulford and Mo Mineard for their participation in the meeting and went into Executive Session.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board agreed to send out a letter explaining how the ACBL Privacy Policy will be handled by the CBA. Steve Moese will be responsible for sending the letter to the Sanction Holders within Unit 124.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19 at 5:00 P.M.

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

Tom Mess
CBA Secretary