

CBA Board Meeting Minutes – May 19, 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, Sonya Wilson, Mike Purcell, and Bob Fisk. A. J. Stephani (*ex officio member*) was also in attendance. Mike Lipp was also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting were approved, as modified in the meeting.

Trailer Update

The trailer for storage of equipment for tournaments was purchased. John Meinking has possession of the title and purchased trailer tags from the Ohio BMV. The trailer will be in use for the transportation of equipment to the upcoming Cincinnati Regional.

Update on Cincinnati Regional

A.J. Stephani briefly reported on the upcoming Regional from June 1-7. Everything is in place for a smooth regional. For the opening Pro-Am game, the organizers, Margaret Young and Nancy Luetge, want to allow all who come that day to participate. If there are questions, contact Margaret or Nancy. We are still looking for food volunteers to bring food on different dates. There is some question on how rapidly the split regional results will be posted, but A.J. expressed confidence that the tournament directors will manage this process.

Tuesday Night Game

Steve Moese reported that the survey information from members on the Tuesday Night game is in progress. He will share the results when available. In the meantime, Potter Orr and A.J. Stephani do not plan to direct the Tuesday Night game after the completion of the Cincinnati Regional. Steve Moese agreed to advertise for new directors for the Tuesday Night game. In addition, there was discussion of changing the 0-149 game to a NLM game.

On motion by Steve Moese and seconded by Bob Fisk, the Board adopted the following motion 9-0:

Effective June 9, 2015, the 0-149 game will be changed to a NLM game.

Joanne Earls, Lew Temples, and Pam Campbell will work to promote the NLM game. In addition, Tom Mess volunteered to work as a coach for the NLM players.

Mentor/Mentee

Bob Fisk confirmed that the Mentor/Mentee program will start on May 27. He revised the dates of the Mentor/Mentee games and provided this updated information to Steve Moese for posting on the CBA website.

Education Report

Mike Purcell made two points about the Education Committee's efforts on the supervised play on Saturday mornings. (1) Participation ranges from 12 to 25 players with the average being around 20. (2) Mike continues to explore the possibility that for the Saturday morning play teachers will agree to teach similar bridge techniques, conventions, etc. although he cautioned that this is only in its preliminary stages. He will report further developments for a common approach to teaching bridge at a later Board meeting.

Longest Day

The Longest Day sessions to support the Alzheimer's Association would be run on June 22 with games at 10AM; 2:30PM; and 7PM.

July STaC

The July STaC commences on July 6. The STaC fee has been raised to \$6 to cover increases in ACBL fees. The entry fees for players remain at \$9. Directors have been assigned for all scheduled games, including a Thursday PM game and a two session Swiss on Sunday.

Air Conditioning Maintenance for 2015

CBA received an estimate from Howard Adams for maintenance of all 4 A/C units for \$516. After assuring the reasonableness of this cost, the maintenance will proceed.

Building Committee Update

John Meinking briefly reported that while there is space available within the area enclosed by I-75, I-275, I-71, and Cross County Hwy, those spaces are either less attractive (adequate parking being a major issue) or more expensive. The Board will be focusing attention on remodeling options within the current space.

Anderson Bridge Club

The Board noted that the Anderson Bridge Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Wednesday, June 10th. A decorated cake will be provided to celebrate this event.

Mike Lipp left the meeting.

At this point, the Board went into Executive Session. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board agreed to continue discussing the structure of the CBC and the CBA.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16 at 5:00 P.M.

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

Tom Mess
CBA Secretary