

Tuesday 7/21/2015 CBA Board Meeting Minutes.

Present: Nalin Mehta, Pam Campbell, Mike Purcell, Sonya Wilson, John Meinking, Susan Wisner, Steve Moese, AJ Stephani (ex officio non-voting member)

Absent: Tom Mess (Bob Fisk has resigned from the Board – see below).

Unit Members: Mike Lipp, Iris, Libby, Rob Weidenfeld, Joe Muenks

John Meinking called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM.

Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from June 15, 2015 as written with no changes. (Mike Purcell motion, Pam Campbell second) Unanimously adopted.

Chairs: John noted the new chairs were used by the Board this evening.

Flying Pig Regional Final Report: AJ Stephani (Tournament Chair)

- The regional was a big success with tables only slightly down from last year due in part because we shared the regional with Evansville. The Unit netted about \$15000 from the event.
- The tournament was relatively crisis free thanks to the efforts of all the volunteers.
- The Pro Am event was very well received and will continue as part of the Flying Pig Regional. We want to find a way to keep more of the Amateur (5-299) players playing in events in the Regional. AJ will work ideas to make that happen.
- The ABA tournament held on site was well received. We hope to be able to continue this joint use of space in the future.
- 2 ideas for the next Flying Pig:
 - 1) Ask Tom Mess and Lou Temples to drive NLM interest in playing NLM events at the tournament.
 - 2) Consider selling entries for NLM/limited events in advance at the area clubs to promote interest and foster newer players.
- The new Unit Storage Trailer made set up and take down much easier. Thanks to Denny Schultz and AJ Stephani for procuring the trailer for the Unit.
- The Board unanimously commended AJ Stephani and the Tournament committee for a job very well done. The Committee included: **Nancy Luetge and Margaret Young** (Pro Am Game coordination and planning), **Susan Wisner** (Treasurer), **Mike Lipp** (Prize Desk), **Joyce Tedrick** and many Unit volunteers (Hospitality), **Lorna Davis** and **Bob Fisk** (Partnerships), **Barb Levinson** and **Jane Duncan** (Equipment & Supplies), **Steve Moese** (Communications), our Caddies, and the many **Unit Volunteers** who helped set up and tear down the tables, bidding boxes and banners.

Investment Report for Q2: John Meinking

No trades made during the quarter. Book value increased ~\$1,000 to \$92,828. John asked the Board for consent to move and additional \$20,000 cash to the Scott Trade account and was given unanimous approval by voice vote. This represents two more investment blocks for the Unit. With this additional investment, the Unit account totals about \$112,000.

Q2 CBA/CBC Financial Review: Susan Wisner

Susan Wisner reviewed the Unit financial report. We are down slightly from last year due in part to bad weather (winter) and declining evening attendance. The Unit continues to manage a surplus over costs.

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Balance sheet and P/L will be posted to the website by the end of July. The Tuesday Evening game is running a small loss right now.

Tuesday Evening CBA Game Status . New directors: Iris Libby, Rob Weidenfeld and Al Beaupre. Also, John Altman is available for the summer. AJ will continue as Director in Charge thru 2015.

AJ Stephani has resumed his role as CBA Director in Charge until the end of the year. AJ will supervise the directors for the Unit Games at the CBC. We agreed to fully document best practices for Directors at the CBC. AJ will meet with Iris Libby, Rob Weidenfeld, and Al Beaupre 0 the new Tuesday Evening Director Team for the Unit Game.

Steve shared a graph of the Tuesday Evening Table Count for the calendar year. The change from 149er to NLM has had modest/no impact on the total count. The open game continues in decline. The Board decided to ask Amy Fisher to lead the rejuvenation of the Tuesday Evening Game. Amy has accepted. We will provide Amy with the survey results, and contact information for LM+ Players. John Meinking will look at ACBLScore data files to identify who has played in the Tuesday evening game in the past 12 months. Steve will publish the questionnaire results in the upcoming ALERT.

We discussed feedback from the questionnaire that showed an earlier start (6:30 PM - see NKy) and establishing a car-pool approach (everyone who plays brings someone who does not want to drive at night). We need a way to encourage better players to get acceptable partners and join the game – only by playing can we make the game bigger again. Small games are a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Iris Libby addressed the Board, noting that she likes the Tuesday evening game and that she, Rob and Al Beaupre have worked out a schedule for the coming months. Iris suggested better promotion of the evening game and special events to draw attention from the open game players. The NLM game is a good size and we want it to grow too.

Rob Weidenfeld addressed the board on several topics about running the Tuesday evening game ranging from payment process, STaC assignments, Better snacks, Schedule on the Unit calendar so director's names show, and a possible leaky coffee maker.

Education Committee Report (Mike Purcell).

Mike reported that Potter Orr and Phyllis Bishop have agreed to do another beginner class course – schedule to be determined. We discussed whether teachers do enough to encourage new players to play duplicate. Mike mentioned a need for a follow-on class for folks who want to get to duplicate bridge – the supervised play and beginner classes are not enough preparation. John mentioned we should do more in the Supervised Play game to get people prepared for duplicate bridge. Ideas discussed: having everyone create their (first) personal convention card, and having more advanced beginners actually play a timed set of 3 boards duplicate style so they get used to the game.

Mike mentioned that he is working to transition leadership of the Successful Saturday Morning supervised Bridge program. He will advise when the new leaders accept the role.

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CBC Back room computer: The back room computer died July 14. Potter re-installed the old one. Potter will purchase a replacement this week. The e-mail program we use was on the new computer. As a result until the new computer is up and running, the older version of the program and a less up to date member list is what we have to use.

Resignation: Bob Fisk has resigned from the Board. The Board accepted his resignation with regret. The Board asked John Meinking to contact Bob's replacement. When that person accepts, the board will vote to confirm their appointment. The new board member will serve the duration of Bob's term as per CBA Bylaws. Traditionally the new Board member is someone who has stood for election in the past.

Nancy Sach's Fund: Sonya Wilson asked the status of the Nancy Sach's Fund. Mike Purcell is the liason to the Committee for the fund (Paul Pschesang, Linda Wolber, Kay Mulford, Bob Brown, Pat Dutson). Susan confirmed there has been no expenditure from the fund. Stocks contributed to the fund were converted to cash. Sonya noted her business contributed. The Board asked Mike to request a decision from the Committee by the end of the year, and offered the committee a chance to give the Board an update at the September Board Meeting on September 22, 2015 at 5 PM.

Longest Day: Monday June 22.

Steve mentioned reports from Eusie and Shiela about the longest Day results. Overall CBC created \$9000 and NKy created \$6000 totaling \$15000 in contributions to the Alzheimer's fund. Susan confirmed that the Unit contributed the equivalent of about \$1200 in rent to the event.

Elections: Election is only a couple of months away (October 2015 at the Spooktacular Sectional). Joe Muenks joined the Board to prep us on our role for the upcoming elections in October. Steve will post the nomination tools in August on the website. The Board will consider nominations for Joe to pursue. All members are welcome to run for the Board of Directors.

Executive Session: Having completed the open session, the Board asked our guests to withdraw. The Board entered executive session at 6:35 PM to discuss the Future Structure of the CBA/CBC.

The Board adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Submitted Respectfully,
Steve Moese
CBA Vice-President