

CBA Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Steve Moese, Tom Mess, Pam Campbell, Susan Wisner, Mike Purcell, and Larry Newman. 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 July 21, 2015 meeting were approved, as modified in the meeting.

New Trustee

The Board unanimously approved Larry Newman as the replacement Trustee for Bob Fisk.

Acknowledgment of Outstanding Results at Chicago National Tournament

The Board specifically noted the outstanding results at the recent Chicago National Tournament by Unit 124 members.

Pamela Granovetter was a member of the winning 2015 Wagar Women's KO Teams. Bob Fisk, Peter Whipple, John Meinking, and AJ Stephani were members of the 2015 Grand National Teams – Flight B. Frank Treiber III and Diane Travis won the 2015 0-10,000 NABC Pairs Championship.

Thanks to these CBA members who help make Unit 124 a strong bridge community.

CBA/CBC Structure

There was considerable discussion and debate on the structure of the CBA and the Cincinnati Bridge Center (CBC). It was explained that while the CBC is part of the CBA, that the CBA has responsibility for the promotion of bridge in the entire Unit, not just the CBC. There are many bridge clubs other than the CBC, such as the NKBC, the Anderson BC, and several smaller bridge clubs.

The Trustees discussed various options such as continuing the current setup or having the CBC exist as a separate legal entity, which could remain a subsidiary of CBA or exist on its own. The Board reached no conclusions on the best possible structure. Tom Mess volunteered to contact the ACBL and other bridge clubs to learn about their structures and what is their relationship with the overall unit leadership. Tom will provide a report at the next meeting.

CBC Location

The Board discussed whether the CBA should renew its lease at the current location, move to another leased facility, or build a new facility. John Meinking provided a wish list of what might be possible for a future facility, be it a remodeled facility or a new location. The wish list included:

- New carpeting
- Modern restrooms
- Facility with new ceiling tiles
- Adequate parking lot both in size and lighting
- Handicap access
- Modern HVAC system
- Updated kitchen facility, with possible dishwasher

John Meinking agreed to discuss with the current owner the potential cost of items on the wish list. It was agreed that the Building Committee can continue to gather information, but any decisions about the CBC location would need approval from the Board of Trustees. John plans to provide additional information at the next meeting.

Changed Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 29 at 5:00 P.M. rather than September 22 as a number of the Trustees were unable to attend the September 22 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:53 P.M.

Tom Mess
CBA Secretary