

CBA Board Meeting Minutes – September 29, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 4:57 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Steve Moese, Tom Mess, Pam Campbell, Susan Wisner, Mike Purcell, Nalin Mehta, and Larry Newman. A. J. Stephani (*ex officio member*) was also in attendance. Kay Mulford was in attendance for part of the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting were approved.

Tuesday Evening Game

The Board, with input from Kay Mulford, discussed different approaches for improving attendance at the CBC Tuesday evening game. Prior to Kay leaving the meeting, the Board requested that if she had specific proposals, submit the proposals in writing or e-mail to the Board for its consideration. Kay accused the Board of bugging the CBC and recording conversations at the CBC.

After Kay left the meeting, upon motion by Mike Purcell and seconded by Pam Campbell, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The Board authorizes the Director-in-Charge the discretionary authority to issue 1 free play per section for the October 2015 sectionals held at the Cincinnati Bridge Center. The Board also authorizes the discretionary spending of up to \$100 for food in total for the sanctioned Tuesday evening CBC games of October 6, 13, and 20, 2015.

The Board did not specify how the free plays would be issued. It could be based on the overall winner, a random draw, or some other method. The Board also did not specify how the up to \$100 in food would be spent. It could be divided evenly over the three evenings, all spent for one evening, or some other method. The Treasurer will need appropriate receipts for the reimbursement of food.

The Board also acknowledged that the Director-in-Charge (A.J. Stephani) has the discretion to plan and coordinate with the game Directors how to best use the free plays and food money.

For future changes to the Tuesday night game, the Board asked AJ to chair a committee to investigate possibilities. If additional funding is needed, the Board prefers requests and planning at least one month in advance to allow the Board to handle these requests at future board meetings and allow the proper advertisement of these events to the membership.

Review of Sublease Agreement

Tom Mess reviewed the Sublease Agreement for the ACBL Sanctioned Games at the CBC. The Sublease Agreement is signed annually with the Club Managers that hold sanctioned games at the CBC. The Trustees asked that Tom draft an additional provision for the Sublease Agreement that Club Managers are expected to hold their regular games at the CBC as specified in Agreement unless pre-empted by Special Games, inclement weather, Acts of God, or closure of the CBC due to local tournaments. Tom agreed to provide a draft additional provision for the Trustees prior to the next meeting.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Elections

Voting for the three open Board of Trustee positions will occur in October. The voting will be at the Spooktacular Sectional held October 23-25 at the CBC. Unit members may vote early by U.S. mail by requesting a ballot from Joe Muenks. Joe can be contacted at jmuenks@cinci.rr.com or (513) 469 - 6446.

Upcoming Special CBC Events

The Board noted that there are special events occurring at the CBC in October, November, and December. The NLM Sectional is on October 10 & 11. The Spooktacular Sectional is October 23-25. The District 11 NAP/GNT Tournament is November 14 & 15. The Holiday Party is December 10. The Board asked Pam Campbell, who is the Chair of the Cleaning Committee, to make sure that the CBC is appropriately cleaned, with emphasis on the restrooms, for these special CBC events.

CBA/CBC Structure

Tom Mess reviewed his report of how other ACBL Units operate with a Bridge Center where the majority of weekly games within the Unit is played. Copies of this summary and Tom's factual conclusions are attached to the minutes. The Board discussed the summary, but reached no conclusion. The Trustees will continue to review the CBA/CBC structure taking into consideration how other Units are organized.

CBC Location

John Meinking reported that he and other CBA members met with the owner of the building at 2860 Cooper Road to discuss our wish list of what might be possible with remodeling. The owner will provide information on what remodeling is feasible along with a proposed lease extension for 5 or 10 years. This estimate and proposed extension is to be provided mid-October.

Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20 at 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at about 6:57 P.M.

Tom Mess
CBA Secretary