

**CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 28, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Mark Stein via Zoom. Present and constituting a quorum were:

<b>Bill Anspach</b>	<b>Joe Connelly</b>	<b>Loring Knoblauch</b>
<b>Phyllis Bartlett</b>	<b>Jim Diebel</b>	<b>Bob Maxson</b>
<b>Jan Churchwell</b>	<b>Georgann Humphrey</b>	<b>Jamie Rubenstein</b>

Absent: Tom Dressing, Guy Franklin, Steve McConnell, Joe Stokes, Suzi Subeck.

**MINUTES (Jan Churchwell)**

Phyllis Bartlett moved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of June 26. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Tom Dressing)**

Report sent out in advance of the meeting. Report was accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CCBA Wednesday Night Game (Mark Stein):** The game has not been profitable and was closed in late July.

**By-laws Revision (Bill Anspach)**

Jan Churchwell will send Arbitration policy to Bill. He also recommended several updates, including indemnification for Board members, moving the Resignation and Removal Policy from the Operations Manual to the By-laws, and adding a clause allowing meetings via a remote server such as Zoom. Bill will prepare the various provisions and present them at the October meeting for discussion.

This will allow time to notify the General Membership of the changes so the amendments can be approved at the Annual Meeting in January, 2023.

**CCBA Operations Manual (formerly the CCBA Handbook (Bill Anspach)**

Jan Churchwell had sent the Sections out as separate emails before the June meeting. Bill suggested that the various sections be reincorporated into a single document and a Table of Contents added. Jan Churchwell will review what she sent and clean up hanging questions. The Manual will be ready for approval at the October meeting.

**Windy City Regional (Loring Knoblauch)**

Although the tournament was not a financial success, participants agreed that it was a good tournament. The two principal financial issues are the cost of coffee and the subsidized parking fee.

**Labor Day Sectional (Bob Maxson)**

Georganne Humphrey and Yvonne Aronson will manage health check-in. Jim Diebel will give a mini-lesson before the Sunday afternoon game. Mike Jones will be Partnership Chair. A caterer for the lunch during the Swiss Team Game has yet to be found. Bob welcomes suggestions. Bob will email Mark immediately to discuss lunch options.

Loring Knoblauch stated that the CCBA has not been managing publicity and advance planning for tournaments well (or in accordance with ACBL guidelines). Guy Franklin was appointed in absentia to chair an ad hoc committee to prepare a report for the October meeting. Loring will talk to Guy about the project immediately.

**Fall Regional (aka Central States; Mark Stein)**

President Stein will chair the tournament and will speak to the managers at Temple Jeremiah about holding a tournament there from Sunday, November 6 through Thursday, November 10. Jan Churchwell moved to authorize him to move forward immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

President Stein will also speak to Adrienne Cohen about a Sanction and schedule and to Suzi Subeck about a publicity blast as soon as practicable.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **Website Update (Georgann Humphrey)**

Many people who were contacted expressed interest in creating a new site; however, a full redesign could run as high as \$50,000. Georgann asked the Board to set a budget; Jan Churchwell reminded the Board that \$1500 had been allocated at the June meeting for a basic update. Georgann will email President Stein about the need for a budget.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Winter Sectional and Annual Meeting**

Joe Connelly will chair the tournament and will begin looking for a site immediately.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Phyllis Bartlett will chair the committee. Loring Knoblauch and Joe Stokes will also serve. Four members are needed from the General Membership. The committee will report at the October meeting. The 5 Board members whose terms expire in 2022 are:

Jan Churchwell  
Joe Connelly  
Steve McConnell  
Jamie Rubenstein  
Suzi Subeck

#### **CCBA Budget**

Jan Churchwell will remind President Stein that the issue of a budget was raised at the June meeting; he and Tom Dressing were going to discuss it before tonight's meeting.

#### **Windy City Regional in 2023 (Loring Knoblauch)**

The Summer NABC will be here, so having a summer Regional in 2023 is not feasible. Loring proposed a Regional tournament to be held over the Labor Day Week-end, and he will talk to the staff at UIC about planning for a tournament in the summer of 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

#### **Next meeting: October 23, 6:30 pm. Place TBA.**

Jan Churchwell  
Secretary

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Bob Maxson to email President Stein re lunch during Labor Day Swiss Game.  
Georgann Humphrey to email President Stein re budget for website upgrade.  
Joe Connelly will begin looking for a site for WinterFest and the Annual Meeting immediately.  
Jan Churchwell to email President Stein re budget for CCBA.

### **MOTIONS**

**The Minutes of the June 26 Board Meeting were approved. Phyllis Bartlett moved.**

**Mark Stein will talk to the managers at Temple Jeremiah immediately about holding a Regional tournament there from November 6-November 10. Jan Churchwell moved.**