

CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Tom Dressing. Present and constituting a quorum were

**Genny Cesario
Jan Churchwell
Adrienne Cohen**

**Jim Diebel
Craig Gardner
Loring Knoblauch**

**Phil McPeck
Mark Stein
Joe Stokes**

Not present: Todd Fisher, Guy Franklin, Mark Friedlander, Suzi Subeck, Bob Young

Also present: Don Joseph, Communications Committee member

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS: No written committee reports were received.

MINUTES

Loring Knoblauch moved to accept the Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 12, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Dressing reported that the August STaC had netted \$1551 for the CCBA, and all clubs had reported in.

Treasurer Gardner asked for a motion to require a Resolution of the full Board of Directors to cash in any of the CD's held by Hinsdale Bank and Trust (Wintrust). Vice President Knoblauch made the motion; it passed unanimously.

President Dressing noted that his personal address is currently the official address for the CCBA since we no longer have a P.O. Box.

Adrienne Cohen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Entry Forms for FallFest: President Dressing reported that he had received cartons of forms, possibly enough for the next decade.

Mark Stein pointed out the Pair/Team explanation on the FallFest flyer was superfluous since only one Pair/Team game is scheduled and suggested that a better review of flyers in future would be helpful.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Nominating Chair Gardner recommended the following slate of Board members for a 3-year term beginning in 2020:

Jan Churchwell
Joe Connelly
Steve McConnell
Jamie Rubenstein
Suzi Subeck

President Dressing reviewed the nominating procedure which is stated in the CCBA By-laws. He noted that if a Board member leaves the Board during a term the President

recommends a replacement to finish the term; the Board must approve the president's choice.

The suggestion was made that a separate e-mail address for the Nominating Committee be added to the Contact List on the CCBA website. President Dressing will see that this is done.

Jim Diebel moved to accept the recommended slate; motion passed with one abstention.

Chair Gardner will invite the new slated members to attend the December Board meeting.

Awards (Joe Stokes): The Board will vote on recipients for the Harmon Wilkes and Gran Sportsmanship Awards, along with any Service Awards, at the December Board meeting. Unlike nominations for Board members, nominations for awards come from third parties. It is not necessary for all awards to be made every year.

Club Owners Meeting (Loring Knoblauch): Follow-up conversations with club owners indicated little interest in a meeting.

CCBA Calendar (Tom Dressing): President Dressing said the calendar had to go to press by October 25 in order to be ready for distribution by November 6 at FallFest. Jan Churchwell will send him contact information for the printer that was used in 2017 and 2018 for flyers. The only problem that had been identified was that the I/N Tournament was scheduled for the week-end of Mother's Day. Adrienne Cohen was waiting to hear from the ACBL about changing the dates to May 2-3 (one week earlier). The only dates still needed are the 2020 Unit Games, which Jan Churchwell will forward. President Dressing also stated that he had sent out a notice to all club owners telling them that a 2020 Calendar would be issued and inviting them to buy ads.

After FallFest the rest of the Calendars will be distributed to club owners upon request. Unit 239 has stated that it will buy 200 for distribution to its members. President Dressing will calculate the number of calendars to print after he has more feedback from club owners.

NEW BUSINESS

Marketing Survey (Don Joseph): Don Joseph had prepared and sent out a survey to 1200 members; 190 replies were received, which is about 15%. Marketing statistics indicate that that rate is considered good. The sample audience was selected by President Dressing and consisted of all CCBA members who had received MP's during calendar year 2018.

One of the questions was whether the responder would like a follow-up reply. President Dressing suggested that Board members select one or two people for follow-up. He will send out the full results of the survey to the Board with the understanding that all information in the survey remains confidential within the Board.

Recommendations:

1. Survey all tournament attendees after each tournament;
2. Offer a similar service to club owners.

Jan Churchwell moved that the Board approve payment to Survey Monkey for two years at a cost of approximately \$250/year. After discussion, including that the Board would review the program after one year, the motion passed. 8 Yay, 1 Nay.

TOURNAMENTS

Labor Day (Todd Fisher): Report deferred.

FallFest (Tom Dressing for Les Kent): Everything is in order and on schedule for the tournament.

WinterFest (Tom Dressing): Dressing reported that he has asked Joe Connelly to take over as Tournament Chair; Dressing will be Partnership Chair.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Stein said that the anticipated Bridge Club at Highland Park High School has hit a snag. The school's club coordinator decided that 15 students must express interest in the club before it would be established. He will follow up with Kunal Pujara and report.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

December 9, 2019; January 18, 2020 (Annual Meeting); February 10, 2020.

The December meeting will be the annual Holiday Party. President Dressing will ask the JourneyCare Manager whether the main Board Room in the Pavilion is available.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

**Motion to accept August Minutes
passed**

Motion to require Board Resolution before cashing in CD's passed

**Motion to accept Treasurer's Report
passed**

Motion to accept the Nominating Chair's Report passed (one abstention)

Motion to join Survey Monkey for two years passed (one Nay)