

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 6, 2004**

President Lavern Wiebe called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:10PM at the home of Angie Clark, in Northfield, Illinois. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Frank Chadwell	John Goldstein	Jim Kolb
Lavern Wiebe	Kay Hathaway	Susan Fox
Jackie Addis	Stan Katz	Carl Sharp
Angie Clark	Bob Ward	Tom Sucher

Absent: Steve Garner, Ginny Schuett, and Jody Wadhwa

Also present: Jim Chiszar, Patty Chiszar, Jan Churchwell and Andy Katai

Motion made by Sucher to accept the minutes (as amended) of October 11, 2004. Seconded by Ward. The motion carried.

President Lavern Wiebe welcomes our two new Board members; Jan Churchwell and Andy Katai.

Jan and Andy will be officially voted onto the Board at the annual meeting at our WinterFest sectional on Saturday, January 15, 2005.

TREASURER'S/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Katz)

- Year-to-date loss of roughly \$5000 to \$7000. Stan projects a loss for 2004 of about \$8000. It is noted that our cash reserves as of today are roughly \$160,000.
- Stan and the Board went over Stan's preliminary budget for 2005. The Board is encouraged to go over the document and submit questions/comments to Stan.

Motion made by Kolb, seconded by Goldstein to accept Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Motion made by Katz, seconded by Sucher to accept Treasurer's preliminary budget. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2006 Charity Grant report (Schuett)

- Schuett absent. Wiebe reports that the CCBA will receive \$10,000 in the form of a charity grant in 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer (Wiebe)

- Lavern reports that Stan Katz will resign as Treasurer effective 12-31-2004. Andy Katai has agreed to become our new Treasurer. Stan will work closely with Andy during this transition period.

Cost cutting; WinterFest 2006 dinner; items to ponder, etc. (Wiebe)

- In light of the net operating loss sustained for 2004, the Board will reevaluate continuing to subsidize the annual membership dinner at WinterFest. This is a major annual cost for the CCBA.

Implementing District surcharge for the Nationals (Katz)

- Stan Katz reports from the finance committee for the 2006 Nationals. The ACBL will give the district \$9 per table toward hospitality for the 2006 summer nationals. Based on anticipated attendance of roughly 13,000 tables, this translates to \$117,000. The amount of money the district plans to spend is hard to budget at this time, as we are still 18 months from the tournament date. It has been passed at the district to begin assessing a \$1 surcharge for all team games to begin building a fund specifically for the nationals at each unit that constitute district 13. There are other efforts toward building monies for the nationals that include raffle tickets for hotel rooms, donations and sponsorships. As of this writing we have two commitments for \$5000 sponsorships. FYI...the raffle tickets must have a statement on them that they are not tax deductible....and any prize awarded to an individual that has a value over \$600 is taxable.

Caddy pay (Fox)

- After some discussion about the current rate of pay for caddies, the Board decided that a raise is not warranted at this time.

WinterFest 2006 and SummerFest 2006 Chairs (Wiebe)

- Lavern asked for volunteers for chairs for the above tournaments. This will be Sharp and Sucher, with specifics to come later.

Masterpoint strata in clubs (too high, too low) (Wiebe)

- There have been complaints about the masterpoint strata at some of our local clubs. Jim & Patty Chiszar will compare the demographic breakdown of the December 2004 STAC to the March 2005 STAC and give a report to the Board next year.

Executive Committee for 2005 (Wiebe)

- The executive committee for 2005 will be Lavern Wiebe, president; John Goldstein, vice president; Frank Chadwell, secretary; and Andy Katai, treasurer.

“Compulsory” playoff for third/fourth or fifth/eighth at sectionals (Wiebe)

- After some Board discussion on the procedures of playoffs for knockouts at sectionals it was decided that the current policy will stay in effect. Questions as to this policy should be directed to Jim Chiszar, who can quote you the policy as it stands per the ACBL.

Pro-Am fundraiser for the 2006 Nationals (Addis)

- Jackie reports that it is her intention to get a sanction for holding a pro-am event to raise funds for the 2006 Nationals. This event will probably be run twice before the Nationals, with one event being held on the southwest side (perhaps Darien) and one event on the north side of Chicago. Perhaps one in the spring and one in the fall, under the guise of “intercity championships”.

A motion was made by Goldstein, seconded by Hathaway, to ask Jackie to pursue this effort and report back to the Board about progress. The motion passed.

“Number of STACS” feedback report (Wiebe)

- There has been a request to change the date of our December STAC by one of the local club directors as it interferes with some of the scheduled festivities at her club. Lavern has referred this request to the scheduling committee and Carl Sharp. Also, Carl will review the number of STACs that we currently run in the unit. Too few? Too many? Carl will report back to the full Board.

Bridge Pro Tour results for CSII (Chadwell)

- The Bridge Pro Tour that ran at the recent regional in Lake Geneva was lightly attended. This event completes the Board’s obligation with Larry King regarding Bridge Pro Tour events at CCBA tournaments. Should Mr. King come to our Board with a new proposal for running his events at our tournaments, the Board will address it at that time.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

- Jackie suggests that we get an e-mail out to bridge players who attended our SummerFest regional in July to ask them to attend our 2005 regional, which is at a new site.

Site (Kolb)

- Jim reports that he is in negotiations with the Weber Center in Skokie to obtain a three (3) year contract.
- Jim reports that the Embassy Suites is not interested in doing a concession stand at Lombard for FallFest in 2005. Jim also reported that attendance was down 17% at the recent FallFest tournament.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

- No Report.

Scheduling (Sharp)

- Carl and the Board discuss the policy for the start time of swiss team events on Sundays. It is the opinion of the Board that the start time will be set at 11AM.

Communications (Wiebe)

- We are beginning to amass e-mail addresses for players at our tournaments. This effort will be ongoing and reported on further next year.

Juniors/Education (Schuett)

- Tom Sucher is now teaching at one of our local high schools. Tom and the Juniors committee are working to set up a tournament between schools.

Newcomers (Clark)

- No report.

Membership (P. Chiszar)

- Patty reports the current member report is down one member since the last report.

2006 Nationals (Addis)

- No report.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Goldstein. Seconded by Chadwell. The motion carried.

The Board then went into executive session.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2005, at the site of our WinterFest tournament.

Tentative meeting schedule for the remainder of 2005 is as follows:

February 7; church in Elmhurst

April 4; church in Elmhurst

June 6; home of Angie Clark?

August 1; church in Elmhurst

October 3; church in Elmhurst

December 5; home of Angie Clark?

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

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Motion made by Goldstein, seconded by Hathaway, to ask Jackie Addis to pursue an effort to run pro-am events to fund the 2006 Nationals. The motion carried.

Motion made by Goldstein, seconded by Chadwell, to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell

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Secretary, CCBA
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