

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2004**

President Lavern Wiebe called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:00PM at the First Congregational Church in Elmhurst. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

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

Absent: Steve Garner

Also present: Jim Chiszar, Patty Chiszar and Harriette Buckman

Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes of August 2, 2004. Seconded by Sucher. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – (Katz)

- Year-to-date loss of roughly \$31,000. (normal minus cash for year would be -\$12,000 - \$20,000). It is noted that our cash reserves as of today are roughly \$134,000.
- Stan is working on the budget for 2005. Now is the time to get budget requests in.

OLD BUSINESS

Dealing Machine (Wiebe)

- Lavern reports that the CCBA has dropped the effort to obtain a dealing machine, as the manufacturer has no confidence in the machine.

Harmon Wilkes Award (Ward)

- Bob Ward reports on his work toward making recommendations to the full Board in December for possible Harmon Wilkes candidates. There have been nine (9) nominations received for this award as of this writing. It was decided to respond to all of the nine nominators to acknowledge receipt of their nomination. Joining Bob to work on framing these nominations for the December board meeting will be Schuett and Hathaway.

ABA & bidding boxes (Sharp)

- Carl is to deliver the remaining sets of bidding boxes to the ABA that we contracted to sell them. This comes to a total of 80 sets of boxes at \$13 per set or \$1,040.00.

NEW BUSINESS

ACBL President visit (Buckman)

- Harriette reports that Bruce Reeve is coming to our regional , CS II, up in Lake Geneva later this month. Mr. Reeve has invited all CCBA board members out to dinner on Saturday evening at 5:30.

Recorder (Wiebe)

- Lavern reports that he is uncomfortable holding the offices of president and recorder simultaneously. Lavern has approached Craig Gardner to take the recorder's duties.

Motion made by Sharp, seconded by Addis to ask Craig Gardner to become recorder. Motion passed.

Junior players entry fees (Wiebe)

- Lavern suggests that the CCBA adopt the ACBL's policy on junior player entry fees. This structure is 50% entry fee for players under 26, and an entry fee of \$1 for players under 16.

Motion made by Clark, seconded by Goldstein to adopt above policy. Motion carried.

Executive committee nominations (Wiebe)

- Lavern reminds that CCBA board that all intentions to run for executive committee positions on the board must be submitted to him in the next few weeks in order to organize the slate for our December meeting. The officer positions will be voted on at that time.

Board members and club games (Wiebe)

- Lavern informs the board that it is very important to watch one's behavior at unit games. Board members are high-profile by definition. A good manner at games in our unit is desired.

Pop can tops (Wiebe)

- Lavern requests that we now remove the "save pop can" advertisement from the CCBA website..

Contracts coordinator (Wiebe, Sucher)

- Tom Sucher has agreed to become the “contract coordinator”. This definition of this position is to coordinate all contracts, advertising and sanctions that relate to our tournaments.

Prize money bridge (Chadwell)

- The agreement with PMB and our unit expires at the end of 2004. Maxine Musick of this organization contacted Frank and inquired of the CCBA intentions regarding running PMB events next year. It is the feeling of the board that we will not continue to host these events at our regional tournaments.

Promoting SummerFest 2005 (Addis, Sharp, Kolb)

- Jackie reports that it is the intention to do a postcard mailing during the winter of 2005 to those who attended SummerFest 2004, reminding them of the upcoming tournament in July 2005. There will also be another card mailing in the spring of 2005, targeting another audience. There will also be a special article in the Kibitzer detailing the new site and free parking.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN’S REPORTS

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

- Ginny Schuett passed out free play chits for board members for the upcoming CS II tournament in Lake Geneva. We will not be allowed to bring in vegetables or muffins at the Grand Geneva, due to a change in the vendor contracts now in place at the site.
- Harriette Buckman has a letter of intent from the ABA regarding our combined tournament scheduled for the first weekend of June, 2005. This letter will be turned over to Goldstein and Jim Chiszar to adjust the language for the board. Harriette suggest that we consider having a CCBA/ABA day at our SummerFest regional in July, 2005. This would be good advertising for us, and would allow ABA players to earn ABA points while playing at our tournament.

Site (Kolb)

- Jim reports that he met with the concession arm of Embassy Suites in June, 2004, to discuss their catering for our concession stand at the Lindner Center in November at our FallFest tournament. Jim will make calls to Lindner and Embassy to work this out. Further report at our December meeting.
- Jim met with Skokie Park district to request a three-year contract for our Labor Day sectional. Jim projects that the rent for this will rise 5%, which is roughly \$125.00. Further report in December.
- Jim suggests to the board that the home page of the CCBA website should always display our next upcoming tournament with appropriate advertising.

Nominating Committee (Chadwell)

- Frank informs the board of the decision of the recent meeting of the nominating committee. The purpose of the nominating committee is to interview potential candidates for the CCBA board. The board requires two positions to be filled for January, 2005, with the departures from the board of Steve Garner and Jim Kolb. The Nominating committee is recommending Andrew Katai and Jan Churchwell as the candidates to join the board.

Motion made by Addis, seconded by Hathaway to accept the two candidates as recommended by the

nominating committee. The motion carried.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

- Hathaway reports on the food/hospitality planned for the upcoming Central States regional in Lake Geneva. Registration gifts will be the CCBA calendar created by Tom Dressing, and a tape measure. There was some discussion here about providing Carl Sharp with players who will come to this tournament and be available as guaranteed partners.

Motion made by Clark, seconded by Sharp, to provide a room for any player willing to be a guaranteed partner. The room would be paid for by us when player fulfilled play for two days; one room night would be provided. The motion passed.

Scheduling (Sharp)

- Carl submits schedules for future tournaments to the full board for acceptance. The first schedule is for WinterFest, 2005, scheduled for January 14-16, 2005.

Motion made by Addis, seconded by Sucher, to accept the schedule as submitted by the scheduling committee. The motion passed.

- Carl submits a schedule for both 299'er tournaments for 2005; May at Darien and October in Northbrook. Angie asks for a revised schedule to the following: 2 (two) 1-session pair games that start at 9:30am and 2:30pm. There will also be a 2 (two) session compact knockout run at the same times.

Motion made by Clark, seconded by Addis, to accept the schedule as amended by the board. The motion passed.

- Carl submits a schedule for the ABA/CCBA joint sectional, scheduled for the first weekend in June, 2005.

Motion made by Addis, seconded by Chadwell, to accept the schedule as submitted by the scheduling committee. The motion passed.

- Carl submits a schedule for the SummerFest regional, July 11-17, 2005. Changes are to be Tuesday; the Stratified Senior Pairs scheduled for 10am and 3pm is changed to the Stratified Open Pairs. Gone is the Stratified Open Pairs scheduled for 1:30pm & 7:30pm. Also a reminder that our unit will use "masterpoint averaging" for determining total masterpoints assigned for all team games.

Motion made by Goldstein, seconded by Addis, to accept the amended schedule as submitted by the scheduling committee. The motion passed.

- Carl submits a schedule for the Labor Day sectional, September 2-5, 2005. One change for this schedule is the Friday Stratified Mixed/Unmixed Pairs at 7:30pm becomes an Open Pairs event.

Motion made by Sucher, seconded by Fox, to accept the amended schedule as submitted by the scheduling committee. The motion passed.

- Carl submits a schedule for the Central States regional, October 24-30, 2005. The board decided to change all CCBA swiss team start times to 11am. (This start time will be reexamined by the board at the December meeting. At that time we will examine attendance for these team games over the past 3 (three) years.)

Motion made by Addis, seconded by Goldstein, to accept the amended schedule as submitted by the scheduling

committee. The motion passed.

- Carl submits a schedule for the FallFest sectional, November 11-13, 2005. The board tabled accepting this schedule until our December meeting for the purpose of examining the 6:30pm start time for the Saturday evening sessions.

Communications (Wiebe)

- The signage we use at the SummerFest tournament is missing. Perhaps it was taken to Jackson storage? When it's found, please notify Lavern.

Juniors/Education (Schuett)

- Ginny reported that the Juniors bridge program has begun at local high schools.

Newcomers (Clark)

- Angie reported on the recent 299er tournament. This was down a few tables but came in close to budget.

Membership (P. Chiszar)

- Patty reports that the current member report on our unit shows that we are down about 100 members.

Executive Committee (Wiebe)

- The executive committee will meet before the next Board meeting, scheduled for November 7. Time and location is TBA.

2006 Nationals (Addis)

- Jackie reports that the finance committee has met in the past few weeks. This committee has set a number of \$250,000 for entertainment, of which about \$140,000 is accounted for – therefore the district and all units will need to cover the remaining amount. Some ideas for raising these monies is to surcharge all sectionals and regionals (except STACS); sponsorships, raffles and/or direct assessments against all units. At this time no sponsorships have been acquired for the nationals. The 2006 nationals will be discussed at the district meeting on Saturday, October 23, in Lake Geneva.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2004, at the home of Angie Clark in Glenview.

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes of August 2, 2004. Seconded by Sucher. Motion passed.

Motion made by Sharp, seconded by Addis to ask Craig Gardner to accept the position of recorder. Motion passed.

Motion made by Clark, seconded by Goldstein, to adopt Junior player (and younger) entry fee policy. Motion passed.

Motion made by Addis, seconded by Hathaway, to accept the two candidates as recommended by the nominating committee to join the CCBA board. Motion passed.

Motion made by Addis, seconded by Sucher, to accept the WinterFest, 2005 schedule. Motion passed.

Motion made by Clark, seconded by Addist, to accept the amended schedule for both 299er tournaments for 2005. Motion passed.

Motion made by Addis, seconded by Chadwell, to accept the schedule as submitted for the ABA/CCBA tournament scheduled for the first weekend of June 2005.

Motion made by Goldstein, seconded by Addis, to accept the amended schedule for the SummerFest regional, July 11-17, 2005. Motion passed.

Motion made by Sucher, seconded by Fox, to accept the amended schedule for the Labor Day sectional, September 2-5, 2005. Motion passed.

Motion made by Addis, seconded by Goldstein, to accept the amended schedule for the Central States regional, October 24-30, 2005. The motion passed.

Motion made by Chadwell to adjourn. Seconded by Goldstein. Motion carried.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2004 are as follows:

- Monday, December 6, at Angie Clark's home in Glenview.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell

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