

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 7, 2005**

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

Frank Chadwell	John Goldstein	Andy Katai	Ginny Schuett
Lavern Wiebe	Kay Hathaway	Jody Wadhwa	
Jan Churchwell	Stan Katz	Carl Sharp	
Angie Clark	Bob Ward	Tom Sucher	

Absent: Jackie Addis and Susan Fox

Also present: Jim and Patty Chiszar

**Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes (as amended) of December 6, 2004, and January 15, 2005. Seconded by Sucher. The motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Katz/Katai)**

- Year-to-date loss of roughly \$5000 to \$7000. Stan projects a loss for 2004 of about \$8000.
- Stan and Andy discussed numbers for the recent WinterFest tournament. Table numbers were down slightly from 2004.

**Motion made by Sucher, seconded by Schuett to accept Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2006 Charity Grant report (Schuett)**

- Ginny will present a proposal at the April district meeting for the spending of the grant money in 2006.

### **Budget (Katz/Katai)**

- The board went over the 2005 budget document with Stan and Andy. The biggest change in this budget from 2004 will be our SummerFest tournament. The projected loss for 2005 is \$13,000, although it is conservative. Much will depend on control of expenses and the success of the 2005 SummerFest regional.

**Motion made by Sucher, seconded by Clark, to accept the budget as submitted. The motion carried.**

**“Compulsory” playoff for third/fourth or fifth thru eighth in sectionals (Hathaway, Addis, Clark)**

- After a full board discussion on the merits of forcing teams to play for “under awards” in team games at sectionals, the Board took the following action:

**Motion made by Sucher, seconded by Schuett, that there will no longer be “compulsory” playoffs for third/fourth or fifth thru eighth in sectional team games. The motion carried.**

**CLARIFICATION: This means no more collection of double entrees at the start of the second round of a knock out.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **HWA (Katai)**

- Andy suggests that the Board address the timing of the major awards given at the annual dinner/meeting at WinterFest. Andy felt that the Wilkes award was pushed to the end of the meeting. It is also suggested that the announcement of the winners of the Invitational Pairs be made as late as possible to allow for scoring changes, in light of the situation that happened in January. After a scoring change the winners changed and this created a bad situation.

#### **Annual Meeting (Sucher)**

- Tom suggests to the Board that we should rethink how the CCBA holds its annual meetings; that the annual meeting should be separate from the dinner; that a member should not have to buy a dinner ticket in order to attend the CCBA annual meeting. The CCBA annual meeting should be open/free and should be advertised in this manner. Carl Sharp will be tournament chair for WinterFest 2006 and will address these issues.

### **Counting District Silver Points in CCBA point awards (Clark)**

- Angie reports that there has been some confusion reported to her and other Board members about how master points are counted relative to the several awards that the CCBA gives annually regarding unit events. It was decided thru discussion that we need to educate members as to what points count toward CCBA events. There will be an article in the Kibitzer addressing this topic.

### **Using hotel resources judiciously while chairing tournaments (Wiebe/Addis)**

- Lavern asked that this item be postponed in the absence of Jackie Addis.

### **Invitational Pairs COC's for 2006 – GCC or Midchart? (Chadwell)**

- There was a request from a player in the 2005 Invitational Pairs that we change this event and allow the use of midchart conventions. The facts here are that the IP event is comprised of a cross-section of players with various abilities and masterpoint holdings.

### **Motion made by Clark, seconded by Schuett, to not allow midchart conventions at the Invitational Pairs event. The motion carried.**

### **Pep talk for SummerFest, room night information, etc. (Goldstein)**

- John reports that the CCBA is responsible for 170 – 200 room nights at the Sheraton in Arlington Heights, for the SummerFest regional. The room nights are negotiated with the hotel along with the site costs. Roughly 80 of these rooms will be filled by staff/directors. In order to not be assessed more rental dollars for this site, the CCBA is responsible for fulfilling the remaining hotel room nights. John emphasizes that all Board members should actively “get the word out” and encourage attendance at this tournament. There will be special mailings and the communications committee will be working on this effort.

### **Sites and Contracts (Goldstein)**

- John summarizes the state of sites and contracts. All contracts will be scanned and available from John; the originals will be kept by Patty Chiszar. If anyone wants information on sites and contracts, contact John.
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### **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS**

**Tournament Oversight (Addis)**

- Jackie absent. No report.

**Site (Sucher)**

- No Report.

**Hospitality (Hathaway)**

- No Report.

**Scheduling (Sharp)**

- No Report.

**Communications (Wiebe)**

- Committee meeting in next few weeks. Report at next CCBA meeting.

**Juniors/Education (Schuett)**

- Ginny reports that the next competition for Juniors will be March 12. Location is Bridge on Sheridan in Chicago. Jim O'Neil will be directing and helping with this effort. Katherine Rehak will be asking for help. Those who want to assist should contact Ginny. February 21 there is an event for Juniors being held at Sue Ericcson's club in Palatine. Anyone available to play with a junior should contact Ginny.

**Newcomers (Clark)**

- No report.

**Membership (P. Chiszar)**

- Patty reports that she has been contacted by some players who are trying to put together an inter-city knockout, culminating with cash prizes at the SummerFest tournament. More on this at the next CCBA meeting.

### **2006 Nationals (Addis)**

- Stan Katz reports that there is a unit fundraiser for a district event on April 3. Contact Jackie for more details.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2005, at the First Congregational Church in Elmhurst.

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

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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Respectfully submitted,

**Frank Chadwell**

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