

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 26, 2005**

President Lavern Wiebe called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:05PM at the Brauer House restaurant in Hillside, Illinois. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Frank Chadwell	John Goldstein	Andy Katai	Tom Dressing
Lavern Wiebe	Jody Wadhwa	Jackie Addis	
Jan Churchwell	Carl Sharp	Ginny Schuett	
Angie Clark	Bob Ward	Susan Fox	

Absent: Kay Hathaway and Tom Sucher

Also present: Harriette Buckman, Jim Kolb, Jim Chiszar, Patty Chiszar

Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes of August 1, 2005. Seconded by Fox. The motion carried.

Lavern Wiebe announces the slate of officers for the executive committee for 2006. They are John Goldstein, president; Angie Clark, vice-president; Andy Katai, treasurer; and Frank Chadwell, secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Katai)

- Year-to-date loss of roughly \$13,000 as of 7-31-2005. This number was \$35,000 as of 7-31-2004. This number will go positive after the Central States regional in Lake Geneva in October, our biggest moneymaker of the year.
- Andy and the Board discussed the results of the recent Labor Day tournament. Table count was down from 2004. What can be done about better advertising for this tournament? It's important to get flyers into the local clubs. Board members are encouraged to mention tournaments to opponents when playing at local clubs.
- Andy will use a uniform budget process when dealing with committee chairs on the 2006 budget.

Motion by Sharp to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Addis. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2006 Charity Grant report (Schuett)

- Ginny reports that it is suggested that we donate the \$10,000 coming to us from the ACBL in the form of a charity grant to the Rush-Presbyterian Alzheimer's Association. The \$20,000 that comes to our district in 2006 will be \$10,000 to our unit and \$5,000 for the other two units. John Goldstein wants to contact the other two units to see if we can coordinate the charity gifts to coincide with the summer nationals next year. It is possible to divide these monies. There were suggestions to give to the Red Cross; Salvation Army; Habitat for Humanity; the Tribune/McCormick foundation. Will the Trib/McCormick foundation allow us to direct our gift? This item is deferred until the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Labor Day sectional report (Fox, for Hathaway)

- Susan reports that attendance was down. The chicken dinner served on Monday during the team game was well received.
- A person slipped and fell during this tournament. There was a report written up by director Jim Chiszar. Memphis will handle this case through their liability policy.

ABA Tournament (Chadwell)

- The preferred date for the 2006 CCBA/ABA sectional is June 3-4. Frank has contacted Rita Mitchell to get verification of these dates by the ABA.
- There is a date set for 2006 called "ACBL/ABA Day". This is a date on which both leagues will play a one-session event as one for more master points. Frank has asked Rita for the exact date for this day and will report back at December meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

- Jackie reports that the next date for a pro-am tournament to benefit the Nationals is set for

Saturday, October 1, in Darien.

- Jackie asks that these minutes reflect the following: the CCBA now uses “Swiss team averaging” for team games in our unit. This is to determine total number of master points assigned to any given team.
- Jackie asks all tournament chairs return the tournament box of supplies to her in good condition.

Site (Jim Kolb)

- Labor Day tournament: Jim reports that the Skokie park district is open to negotiating a four (4) year contract. There will be a one (1) year cancellation clause for both parties in the final contract.
- SummerFest 2005: The recordkeeping by the Sheraton for this tournament was shoddy at best. It is still unclear what the final room pickup number was. Patty is still working with them to get the bill settled and figure out final room numbers. There is a new owner at this facility which probably means that we cannot enter into a long-term contract. The 2007 room rate will be \$129 plus tax; we will also be responsible for 85 room nights.
- Lindner tournament: Jim will work on the 2006 contract with Lindner after the tournament in November. John Goldstein asks that these contracts be submitted to him by 12-31 2005.

Hospitality (Fox for Hathaway)

- Susan reports on hospitality set for our upcoming Central States regional in Lake Geneva in October.

Scheduling (Sharp)

- Carl and his committee bring suggested schedules for 2006 tournaments to the full board this evening.
- March Madness regional, March 2006. All 0-5 players play free for all events.

**Motion made by Dressing to accept this schedule (after noted changes to Patty Chiszar).
Seconded by Goldstein; the motion passed.**

- WinterFest, January 2006.

Motion made by Dressing to accept this schedule (after noted changes to Patty Chiszar). Seconded by Ward; the motion passed.

- Stars of Tomorrow, April 2006. This is sited for Northbrook with a fall version to be held in Darien. It is suggested that post cards be sent to the April attendees so that we might increase attendance at the fall tournament.

Motion made by Clark to accept this schedule (after noted changes to Patty Chiszar). Seconded by Wadhwa; the motion passed.

- Labor Day Sectional, September 2006.

Motion made by Dressing to accept this schedule (after noted changes to Patty Chiszar). Seconded by Goldstein; the motion passed.

- FallFest, November 2006. A note here to address the starting time of the Saturday night pair game. The time for this in 2005 is 6:30pm. The tournament chair (Jim Kolb) will assess if this is a good starting time after the 2005 tournament.

Motion by Dressing to accept this schedule (after noted changes to Patty Chiszar). Seconded by Clark; the motion passed.

- Central States, October 2006. Deferred to December meeting.

Finance (Katai)

- Insurance needs evaluation: Andy reports that all ACBL offices and directors have some insurance coverage, but not for slander and libel. Non-board members who work within the CCBA have no coverage.
- Check cashing policy. There was a major discussion on this topic.

Motion by Dressing to set check cashing limit at \$500 per person per day at our CCBA tournaments. Seconded by Schuett; the motion passed.

Communications (Goldstein)

- The communications committee met on August 22. John showed the board some printing quotes from Patty Chiszar for special tournament schedule mailings. The cost of these will be several hundred dollars. The communications committee will decide on specs of this mailing and proceed accordingly with the board's approval.
- Tom Dressing suggests to the board that they go out to the CCBA website to the "at the clubs" tab and hit "subscriptions". This will connect the user to auto updates of master points won at participating local clubs. Tom wants board members to be testers of this functionality before releasing it to the membership.
- John Goldstein does not want to be the liaison between the CCBA board and the club owners/directors. Jan Churchwell will do this.

Juniors/Education (Schuett)

- Ginny reports that October 8 will be the first high school bridge game this fall. The schools currently in the program are South Middle School in Arlington Heights; Hubbard High in Chicago; Lake Forest Academy in Lake Forest; New Trier High in Winnetka, and Whitney Young High in Chicago. Schools that we are working on to participate are IMSA, Prospect High and Arlington Heights High.

Newcomers (Clark)

- Angie reports that there is a 299er's tournament in October in Northbrook.

2006 Nationals (Addis)

- Jackie has playing cards ordered that will advertise the 2006 Nationals.
- Jackie reports on the meeting held on Monday, September 12, with Nancy Foy and Brian Johnston of the ACBL. It was a productive meeting, and the first chance for all tournament chairs to meet Nancy and Brian.

Harmon Wilkes (Ward)

- Bob reports that he does have some nominees for this award in his possession. He will assemble some board volunteers to review the nominees and bring back recommendations to the board at the December meeting.

February, 2006 meeting site (Wiebe)

- It was decided to have the February meeting at the Brauer House restaurant in Hillside.

Nominating Committee (Goldstein)

- John reports that he is set to convene the nominating committee for the purpose of replacing two board members for 2006. He will report to the board in December.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Addis, seconded by Dressing. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2005, at the home of Angie Clark.

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes of August 1, 2005. Seconded by Fox. The motion carried.

Motion made by Sharp, seconded by Addis to accept Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Motions made by various board members to accept 2006 schedules. (SEE SCHEDULING COMMITTEE SECTION). The motions passed.

Motion made by Dressing, seconded by Schuett, to limit check cashing at CCBA tournaments to \$500 per person per day. The motion carried.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Addis, seconded by Dressing. The motion carried.

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS:

2006 Charity Grant report

Goldstein will contact the two other units in our district to find out if we can combine our grants for presentation at the 2006 Nationals. There will also be reports about what foundations to give these monies to at the December CCBA meeting.

ABA Tournament

Chadwell will get verification from the ABA as to actual tournament dates for the CCBA/ABA 2006 sectional. The tentative date is now June 3-4, 2006. Chadwell will also get more info on the ACBL/ABA Day set for sometime in 2006.

Scheduling

The schedule for Central States 2006 was deferred to December meeting.

Harmon Wilkes

Ward will convene his volunteers and review nominees. He will bring recommendations to the board at the December meeting.

Nominating Committee

Goldstein will bring back recommendations for two board slots at the December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell

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