

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 1, 2005**

*****President Lavern Wiebe announced that the rent at the church is being raised; he suggested holding the next meeting (September 26) at the Briarhouse Restaurant in Hillside. The Board agreed to try this venue; Lavern will send directions.*****

President Lavern Wiebe called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the First Congregational Church in Elmhurst. Attending and constituting a quorum were:

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| Jackie Addis | John Goldstein | Ginny Schuett | Jody Wadhwa |
| Jan Churchwell | Kay Hathaway | Carl Sharp | Bob Ward |
| Susan Fox | Andy Katai | Tom Sucher | Lavern Wiebe |

Also attending were Tom Dressing, Jim Kolb, and Patty Chiszar.

Goldstein moved, Sucher seconded, to accept the minutes of June 6, 2005. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Katai)

- Andy recapped the Summerfest P&L, which was very positive: 1,345.5 tables generated \$64,721.00 in gross receipts; expenses were controlled well, and a bottom line profit of \$9,809.99 was generated.
- Andy reported that he is still collecting information for the Finance Committee on insurance costs per the Board's request at the June meeting, as well as the possibility of cutting current tax preparation fees. The Committee will discuss both issues, and Andy will report at the next meeting.
- Andy reported that the CCBA has been cashing checks for private individuals for very large sums (a figure of \$29,000 was given as an example); Patty Chiszar added that sometimes money was handed over without a check yet in hand. A review of the Policy Handbook revealed that there is no policy regarding a limit on the amount an individual could ask for; however, ANY check needed Board approval before it could be cashed. John Goldstein suggested that the Finance Committee should create a policy with a stated (small) maximum amount that could be advanced and report at the next meeting.
- Jackie Addis said that there had been some confusion over the free entries at Summerfest. In future Tournament Oversight will give the DIC a written summary of the entries that have been handed out and any restrictions on their use.
- The Finance Committee will review whether "0-5" policy should be tied exclusively to

299'er events. Andy will report the Committee's decision to Patty *before* September 1 so that information on next year's "Summerfest" (scheduled for March 2006 because of the Summer Nationals) can be publicized in the next "Kibitzer". Ginny reminded the Board of the importance of making sure that future publicity and guidelines are reconciled with past policies and anything that may already be in print concerning a given event.

Addis moved, Hathaway seconded, to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

SITE UPDATE (moved up from agenda)

Jim Kolb reported the following:

- Lombard is prepared to approve a 2-year contract (November Sectional);
- The Weber Center will "hopefully" do the same (Labor Day Sectional);
- Jim asked for direction on how to proceed with respect to the Arlington Sheraton and Summerfest **2007**. [Tom Sucher circulated an e-mail from Barry Brinn of the Arlington Sheraton which was extremely positive toward the CCBA and continuing relations between the Board and the hotel.]
- Discussion: How the USBF's holding the 2007 Open and Women's Team Trials at the Arlington Sheraton in June, including a concomitant regional tournament, might impact Summerfest 2007. Exact dates for the USBF events will be settled within the two months; tentative dates are June 1-10 (Trials) and June 4-10 (tournament). The CCBA may accept or reject the USBF's offer of a regional tournament; if the offer is accepted, profits (and losses) would be split 50/50. The CCBA is under no obligation with respect to the USBF's regional.. Tom Sucher would chair the regional per the USBF's request.
- The main concern was how a regional tournament in June would impact Summerfest in July. The Board decided in favor of holding both regionals because of the risk of losing our calendar spot with the ACBL if we cancel Summerfest 2007.
- Based on the above, Jim was directed to continue negotiations with the Arlington Sheraton for a contract to cover Summerfests through 2009.

Addis moved, Sharp seconded, to accept the USBF's offer to share a regional tournament in June 2007. The motion carried (6 in favor, 4 against, and 1 abstention).

OLD BUSINESS

2006 Charity Grant (Schuett): No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Summerfest (Goldstein): John confirmed the success of the tournament (already covered in the Treasurer's Report) and thanked all those who helped make Summerfest 2005 a success.

The Board congratulated John for the fine job he did putting Summerfest back in the black.

Tom Sucher reported that the Sheraton will allow us to serve fresh fruits and vegetables in the playing areas to accommodate the needs of diabetics. Tom also asked that he be given help in carrying, preparing, and presenting the food. The Hospitality Committee will provide assistance.

Board Actions in Atlanta (Wiebe): Lavern passed out a summary and reported that Harriette Buckman has been named President-Elect of the ACBL for 2006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tournament Oversight (Addis): No additional report.

Hospitality (Hathaway): Kay reported that the company hired in the past to manage the on-site food concession at the Weber Center has gone out of business; she suggested that a \$1.00 surcharge be placed on all entries and that the money generated will be used to provide a buffet of fried chicken, side salads, and potato chips. \$1,200 was spent last year on food.

- Tom Dressing will produce the annual CCBA Calendar again for distribution during the Lake Geneva October Regional.
- Ginny and Kay will decide what to do about a hospitality gift in Lake Geneva.
- Jackie stated that the 2006 Chicago Nationals playing cards will be available by the time of the Lake Geneva tournament; a decision needs to be made as to whether the cards will be used as a gift or used in playing boards exclusively.

Scheduling (Sharp):

- Carl reported that he will have the schedule for next March's "Summerfest" games ready by the next meeting.
- The 2005 Labor Day Sectional will be the last time a Barometer Pairs game is held; expense and lower participation were cited as partial causes.

Finance (Katai): No additional report.

Communication (Goldstein): Patty stated that the flyers for all tournaments through Winterfest

2006 are ready for approval. John stated that the flyers badly need to be reviewed and conformed with other information available; he scheduled a Communications Committee meeting for August 22, 7:30 pm at his home so that all flyers can be proofed, reconciled, and approved. The meeting is open to any Board member who wishes to attend. John will e-mail directions.

Executive Committee (Wiebe):

- STAC sanctions for 2005-06 were approved with the intention of promoting the 2006 Nationals; this plan has not worked, so the recommendation was made to cut the number of STACs from three to two.
- In accordance with Lavern's e-mail announcing Stan Katz's resignation, Tom Dressing was nominated to fill Stan's term on the CCBA Board.

Schuett moved, Sharp seconded, to accept Dressing's election to the Board. The motion carried.

- Angie Clark was nominated to fill Stan's term on the District 13 Board.

Addis moved, Fox seconded, to accept Clark's election to the District Board. The motion carried.

- The customary parting gift will be sent to Stan with the Board's thanks.
- In accordance with the CCBA's suggestion that all Board members participate in running tournaments, a plan will be put together for discussion at the December meeting when next year's assignments are given out. Lavern stressed that running a tournament is voluntary, not mandatory.

Juniors/Education (Schuett): Jim O'Neil will not be involved in running the program next year, but he will continue to offer the use of his club location. Carl and Jackie offered to help with the program.

Newcomers (Clark): No report.

2006 Nationals (Addis): Jackie stated that the ACBL predicts we might have a greater-than-projected attendance because the Dallas and Honolulu sites might not attract as many people.

Harmon Wilkes (Ward): Give Bob names for consideration including some relevant biographical information. The "Kibitzer" will also announce that nominations are underway, as will the website.

Dressing moved, Goldstein seconded, a deadline of November 15, 2005 for nominations.

The motion carried.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, Addis moved, Dressing seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2005, at the Briarhouse Restaurant in Hillside.

Tentative meeting schedule for the remainder of 2005:

September 26, Briarhouse Restaurant, Hillside

December 5, home of Angie Clark, Glenview

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

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- . Addis moved, Hathaway seconded, to accept Treasurer's report. The motion carried.
- . Addis moved, Sharp seconded, to accept the USBF's offer to share a regional tournament in June 2007. The motion carried (6 in favor, 4 against, and 1 abstention).
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- Dressing moved, Goldstein seconded, to approve a deadline of November 15, 2005 for nominations. The motion carried.
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Respectfully submitted,

Jan Churchwell
for Frank Chadwell, Secretary
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