

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 6, 2005**

President Lavern Wiebe called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:05PM at the home of Angie Clark. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

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

Absent: Ginny Schuett

Also present: Harriette Buckman and Jim Chiszar

**Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes (as amended) of April 4, 2005. Seconded by Sucher. The motion carried.**

Lavern Wiebe announces the new Board of Governors members from our unit. They are Patty Chiszar, Eileen Kripps and Ellen Melson.

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

- Year-to-date loss of roughly \$15,000.
- Andy and the Board discussed the results of the recent 299'er tournament in Darien. There was a discrepancy on amount charged per session at this tournament over the past few years. It is decided that the fee will be \$10 per session in the future.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

### **2006 Charity Grant report (Schuett, absent; report by Wiebe and Buckman)**

- Every sixth year our district will receive \$20,000 from the ACBL to go toward charities of our choosing. There can be up to 5 separate grants involved in the distribution of these monies. Buckman will discuss this with Schuett, as the distribution of the \$20,000 between the three units of district 13 must be decided.

### **SummerFest 2005 (Goldstein)**

- John reports that currently we have 120 room nights reserved for this tournament. This is good news. We would ideally like to have a block of 200 reserved so all should keep talking up this tournament to friends and bridge associates. Goldstein will get free plays to Board members in the next few weeks.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ACBL Goodwill member nomination (Wiebe)**

- Lavern reports that August 15, 2005, is the deadline for submitting a name in consideration for the ACBL Goodwill member of the year. This person should serve bridge as well as exemplifies qualities found in a true “goodwill” ambassador. In the absence of a board member volunteering to take responsibility for this effort, Lavern will do it.

#### **ABA Tournament (Buckman)**

- Harriette reports on the recent CCBA/ABA tournament held down on 87<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago. While attendance was low from the CCBA, the tournament was terrific. There was much food; attendees were on good behavior and turnout was good. (102 ½ tables for the tournament) This tournament is a great chance for us to participate with ABA members at their venue for some great bridge and hospitality.

#### **Insurance needs evaluation (Katai)**

- Andy suggests that the Board address the issue of exactly what kind of insurance coverage we are currently paying for, as the policy is coming up for renewal in July.

**Motion made by Addis, seconded by Churchwell, to have Katai and Goldstein talk to the insurance agent. Andy and John will then make a determination as to what kind of coverage is actually needed; renew or not renew the policy, and make a report to the Board**

**at the next meeting. Motion carried.**

### **Role of Jerry Weinstein (Katai)**

- Andy informs the Board that we currently pay Jerry Weinstein roughly \$2700 annually for his services. This includes a monthly updated balance sheet. The Board discussed this situation, and in the spirit of perhaps cutting costs, has suggested that the Finance committee discuss the following:
  - (1) put in place an annual audit process
  - (2) the role of Jerry Weinstein
  - (3) possibly change the current monthly report from JW to quarterly

The Finance committee will make a report on this at the next meeting.

### **Darien 299er Sectional Status (2006 – Clark)**

- Angie informs the Board that the May 299'er tournament was down tables from last fall's tournament. It is her feeling that we should not hold two of these in 2006.

**Motion made by Clark, seconded by Ward, to schedule one (1) 299'er tournament for 2006 in the fall, to be held at the Legion Hall in Northbrook. The motion carried.**

### **CCBA Board Member requirements (Goldstein)**

- John has put together a list of Board Member requirements in anticipation of the Nominating Committee meeting later this year to bring on new Board members. He will distribute this document to all Board members for further input.

### **CCBA Board and Club Directors (Katai)**

- Andy asks the Board what we can do as a body to soften the affect of unit/board events that fall against club owners. It is decided to create a committee to discuss this issue and bring back recommendations to the Board. This committee will be Chadwell, Clark, Churchwell, Goldstein, Hathaway, Ward and Wiebe.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS**

### **Tournament Oversight, team surcharge, tournament box, etc. (Addis)**

- Jackie reports that the district has now redefined the surcharge being applied for team events to raise monies for the 2006 Nationals. This surcharge will be 50 cents per person with a max of four.
- Jackie asks that the tournament box of supplies be refilled after each use and passed on to the next tournament chair.
- Jackie asks the Board for permission to order decks of playing cards for advertising the 2006 Nationals.

**Motion made by Addis, seconded by Fox, to order 1500 decks of playing cards at \$1.00 per for the purpose of advertising the 2006 Chicago Nationals. The motion carried.**

### **Site (Sucher)**

- No site will be needed for the 2006 spring 299'er as we will not be holding that tournament.

### **Hospitality (Hathaway)**

- Kay reports on items relative to the upcoming SummerFest tournament in Arlington Heights. Items include her choices for refreshments and the coffee situation. There will most likely be a coffee stand at the playing site for early morning games, with players given \$1.00 chits to offset the high price of coffee.

### **Scheduling (Sharp)**

- Carl reports that Tom Sucher is working on adding an event to the 2006 March regional to be held in Lake Geneva; a pair/team event. More on this as Tom works to get this event added.
- Angie requests that a compact knockout event be added to the 299'er tournament for October 2006.

### **Communications (Goldstein)**

- No report.

### **Juniors/Education (Schuett)**

- No report.

### **Newcomers (Clark)**

- No report.

### **Membership (P. Chiszar)**

- No report.

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

- Jackie wants a sign advertising the 2006 Nationals at the upcoming SummerFest tournament this July in Arlington Heights.
- Jackie will be taking buttons and t-shirts to the Atlanta Nationals this summer to advertise for our 2006 Nationals. We are expecting 13,000 plus tables at the Chicago Nationals.

**Motion made by Goldstein, seconded by Sucher, for Buckman to stay for executive session following this regular meeting. The motion carried.**

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the First Congregational Church in Elmhurst.

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

August 1; church in Elmhurst

September 26; church in Elmhurst

December 5; home of Angie Clark

### **RECAP OF MOTIONS:**

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### **Role of Jerry Weinstein**

(see suggested discussion items under above agenda item) The finance committee will report back to the Board on this item after their meeting.

**CCBA Board and Club Directors**

This committee needs to meet to bring back a report to the full Board.

**Scheduling**

Angie requests that Carl put a compact knockout event into the schedule for the fall 2006 299'er tournament.

**2006 Nationals**

Jackie requests that a sign for our 2006 Nationals be created for our SummerFest regional tournament this July.

Respectfully submitted,

**Frank Chadwell**

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