

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 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	Tom Dressing	Kay Hathaway
Lavern Wiebe	Jody Wadhwa	Jackie Addis	Tom Sucher
Jan Churchwell	Carl Sharp	Ginny Schuett	
Angie Clark	Bob Ward	Susan Fox	

Also present: Jim and Patty Chiszar

Motion made by Goldstein to accept the minutes of September 26, 2005. Seconded by Ward. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's position (Wiebe)

Lavern formally informs the board of the resignation of current treasurer, Andy Katai.

Motion by Schuett to appoint Tom Dressing as Treasurer. Seconded by Chadwell. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report (Dressing)

There was a \$28,000 profit on our recent Central States tournament. Table count was up sixteen tables. There was a \$2,100 loss on the recent FallFest tournament; table count was down significantly.

Motion made by Sucher to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Ward. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

2006 Charity Grant report (Schuett)

John Goldstein is still talking to our sister units about monies to be given in 2006. This item is

deferred until the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Swiss team averaging and strataflighted events (Wiebe)

There is some confusion about how our unit as applied the latest law from the ACBL regarding swiss team averaging. After some discussion on this topic the board decided to make formal policy on this issue.

Motion made by Sharp to use swiss team averaging only in stratified events. Seconded by Sucher. The motion passed.

Motion made by Addis that all advertising for future tournaments scheduled for strataflighted events are changed to stratified and flighted so that swiss team averaging may be used. Seconded by Sharp. The motion passed.

Patty will update flyers for future tournaments.

Caddy training (Wiebe)

Lavern suggests that there is a need for “caddy training”. This reference will be compiled by Susan Fox; suggestions should be sent to her.

District STACS (Wiebe)

Our unit has in the past donated STACS to the district with the purpose of raising funds for the 2006 Nationals. Our Finance committee has suggested that we ask for these STACS back, as we will be directly giving dollars to the Nationals.

Motion by Addis to rescind all future STACS (after the upcoming one in February which has been advertised) given by our unit to the district. Seconded by Schuett. The motion passed.

Future of Lombard, FallFest tournament (Wiebe)

The board discusses the recent loss at the FallFest tournament. Should this tournament be continued?

Motion by Dressing to continue this tournament for one more year while watching budget and table count. Seconded by Wadhwa. The motion passed.

Invitational Pairs update (Chadwell)

Frank reports that the invitational pairs invites have gone out in the mail.

Tentative 2006 meeting schedule (Goldstein)

John put together tentative dates for CCBA meetings for 2006. They are January 30; April 3; June 5; August 7; October 2 and December 4. These dates are final unless adjusted at the meeting on January 30.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

ABA Tournament update (Chadwell)

- Frank reports that the ABA has confirmed the dates for our mutual tournament as June 3 and 4 , 2006. Frank and Rita Mitchell will make final tournament plans for food and volunteers after the first of the year.

Site (Kolb/Sucher)

- Tom reports that there will be an ABA tournament over Labor Day weekend 2006 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Chicago.
- Tom reports that the contract for FallFest 2006 in Lombard is complete and going to John Goldstein. The contract negotiations for SummerFest 2007 with the Sheraton Northwest in Arlington Heights are ongoing. The room rate will be \$129 plus tax; we will also be responsible for 85 room nights.
- Tom reports that it is possible for our unit to run a regional in tandem with the USBF tournament scheduled for 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield.

Motion by Sucher to reject the offer of running a regional tournament in tandem with the USBF in summer 2007. Seconded by Churchwell. The motion passed.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

- Kay makes a suggestion for our upcoming March Madness regional in 2006.that members of our unit who have been members for 50 years be invited as our guests to come and help us celebrate the unit's 50th birthday. The board agrees that this is a good plan; Kay will execute.

Scheduling (Sharp)

- No report.

Executive Committee (Wiebe)

- No report.

Nominating Committee (Goldstein)

John reports that Addis, Hathaway, Sharp, Schuett & Sucher all have term ending in 2005 on the CCBA board. All have expressed a desire to serve for another three-year term.

Finance Committee (Dressing)

- All insurance policies have been given to Tom by John Goldstein for insurance needs evaluation.
- Tom reports that the board continues to pay Jerry Weinstein \$200 per month to put together financials and do our taxes. Tom talked to Jerry; he feels that he does continue to fulfill a role for the board. It is essential that an independent source do our taxes.
- Tom has some ideas for budgets in the future; he would like to run them on a two-year cycle. He is going to try and allocate hospitality dollars by actual tournament table count.

Motion made by Sucher to accept the proposed budget for WinterFest and the membership dinner. Seconded by Clark. Motion amended by Goldstein to also accept the current budget for March Madness (including revisions to be determined by Dressing). Seconded by Fox. The motion passed.

John Goldstein takes this opportunity to thank Ginny Schuett for the great job she did as tournament chair at our recent Central States tournament in Lake Geneva.

Communications (Goldstein)

- No Report.

Website (Dressing)

Tom asks all to resubscribe at the CCBA website to receive e-mails of club game results.

There was a bug in his program that is now fixed, but if you had subscribed earlier you must resubscribe to create the link again.

Juniors/Education (Schuett)

- Ginny reports that upcoming Juniors games are December 10 and January 14 at WinterFest.

Newcomers (Clark)

- Angie reports that there are more and more Newcomers coming to our tournaments thanks to local club owners and teachers. This is very positive.

2006 Nationals (Addis)

- Jackie reports that this is a “waiting period” for further reporting for the 2006 Nationals. She still has lots of playing cards to sell that advertise the tournament.
- Anyone who knows of possible caddies to work the Nationals should contact Michele Foran.

Addis makes a motion that the CCBA sponsor a day at the 2006 Nationals. Seconded by Sharp. Amended by Addis to give ask the finance committee to address this motion and return to the board with a recommendation at out next regular meeting, January 30. Resecoded by Sharp. The motion passed.

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

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at the WinterFest sectional in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

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RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS:

2006 Charity Grant report(Schuett)

John Goldstein is talking to other units and will report at next regular CCBA meeting.

Swiss team averaging

Patty Chiszar will update all flyers with the corrected info on swiss team averaging.

District STACS

Lavern Wiebe will follow through on the “taking back” of the three STACS that we have given the district to raise money for the 2006 Nationals.

Hospitality

Kay Hathaway will invite members of 50 years standing to the March Madness regional tournament to play as our guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell

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