

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 3, 2007**

President John Goldstein called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:30PM at the home of Angie Clark. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Frank Chadwell	Angie Clark	Adrienne Cohen	Les Kent
Tom Dressing	John Goldstein	Kay Hathaway	Jan Churchwell
Carl Sharp	Suzi Subeck	Tom Sucher	Jean Faeth
Selma Perlmutter			

Absent: Jackie Addis and Blythe Olshan-Findley

Also present: Kathy Burt, Demaris Johnson, Rick Mueller, Patty Chiszar, Tobey Belmont and John Vincent.

First Business: Ratification of Minutes

Les Kent made a motion to accept the minutes of October 1, 2007. Seconded by Selma Perlmutter. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report (Dressing)

Tom reports that there were three tournaments held since our last CCBA meeting in October: the Pro/AM in Darien; Central States in Lake Geneva, and FallFest in Lombard. The accounting for these tournaments is relatively complete, but there are still some outstanding bills to come in from Central States. The primary bill from the host hotel which includes all hospitality, fruit charges and main room charges remains outstanding. We still need to pay the site bill from 2007 Labor Day tournament. Appears that CCBA will go plus \$7,000 for 2007.

Motion by Frank Chadwell to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Adrienne Cohen. The motion passed.

Old Business

Report from Board Administrator (K. Burt)

Kathy reports that invitations to all invitational pairs qualifiers will be mailed in the next few days. All flyers for 2008 tournaments are posted at the CCBA website, except for Central States, 2008.

Report from Kibitzer Editor (D. Johnson)

Demaris reports that the Jan/Feb issue is about to go to print. It is noted that south Chicago members get their editions of the Kibitzer later than members living on the north side of Chicago. The post office has agreed to trace this problem. A follow-up report will be made when available .

Demaris always welcomes articles and other content for the Kibitzer. Demaris asks the board if we should try putting the Kibitzer online. Costs to publish per year are \$13,000, which does not include salary for Demaris. Publishing on-line would be considerable savings to avoid mailing charges.

Jean Faeth made a motion to publish the Mar/Apr Kibitzer online, with an announcement in the Jan/Feb issue regarding this experiment. Seconded by Adrienne Cohen; the motion passed.

Kathy Burt will provide copies of the online published edition for club directors upon request.

Website Report (T. Dressing)

No report.

Slating of 2008-2009 Officers (J. Goldstein)

The following board members run unopposed for offices listed:

President – Angie Clark
Vice-President – Carl Sharp
Treasurer – Tom Dressing
Secretary – Jan Churchwell

Nominating Committee (T.Sucher)

Tom reports that the following served recently on the nominating committee: Tom Sucher, Kay Hathaway, Les Kent, Bill Smith, Janet McDonald and Rachel Chittero. After interviewing three candidates, it is the nomination committee's recommendation that John Vincent be named to a 1-year term on the CCBA board, and that Bob Young be named to a three-year term on the CCBA board.

New Business

Harmon Wilkes Committee (A. Clark)

Angie reports that she had four submissions for this award. These submissions will be discussed in executive session at then end of this meeting.

Service Awards (J. Goldstein)

This item will be discussed in executive session at the end of this meeting.

Invitational Pairs (A. Cohen)

Adrienne reports that invitations will be mailed by December 6.

2008 Budget (T. Dressing)

Tom reports that he has prepared the 2008 budget. He has re-aligned the Education/Novice committees. Tom has no information regarding changes in ACBL sanction fees, which will not be public knowledge until April, 2008.

Motion by Tom Dressing to approve the budget item for the 2008 dinner at WinterFest. Seconded by Angie Clark; the motion passed.

Motion by Tom Dressing to approve the budget for 2008 WinterFest. Seconded by Les Kent; the motion passed.

Motion by Tom Dressing to raise entry fees at all CCBA regionals to \$14.00. Seconded by Les Kent; the motion passed.

2008 Committee Assignments (J. Goldstein)

John circulates committee signup lists to the full board for use by the new president in 2008.

Tournament Reports

Review of 299er/Pro Am (K. Burt)

Kathy reports for Jackie Addis that the recent October Pro/Am tournament was well received. There will be no more fall 299er tournaments.

Selma Perlmutter made a report on attending a recent regional in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Great hospitality, décor and methods of getting sponsors for the tournament.

Review of Central States Regional (T. Dressing for J. Addis)

Tom reports that cash deposits that went into the bank at Lake Geneva from this tournament were \$600 short. Tournament chairs need to make sure that all monies are accounted for. Tom Sucher tells the board that the CCBA needs to pay the fruit vendor directly instead of the hotel paying the vendor.

Review of FallFest Sectional (T. Sucher)

Tom reports that tables were up from 2006 tournament. We have negotiated with site to reduce costs by using less space and not having a concession stand.

Motion by Tom Sucher to schedule the FallFest tournament for 2008. Seconded by Carl Sharp; the motion passed.

Kathy Burt will talk to Peter Wilke about the sanction for FallFest, 2008. Tom Sucher will get the contract to John Goldstein for review.

Status of WinterFest Sectional and Membership Dinner (J. Churchwell)

Jan reports that all is going well for this tournament to be held in January, 2008. Maximum dinners we can have in the space are 220. There will be no “gift baskets” this year. There will be \$50 gift certificates give-aways. George Jacobs will be the emcee.

Committee Reports:

Finance (T. Dressing)

Tom informs the board that we will be buying a bill-counting machine to aid us in cash that we will be handling/depositing from our sectionals and regionals. Carl Sharp will be the “keeper” of this machine.

Contracts (T. Sucher)

Tom reports that all contracts are set for 2008 tournaments with the exception of FallFest. Tom is working on 2009 tournaments and is currently in negotiations with the Sheraton in Arlington Heights for the WinterFest, 2009 tournament.

Caddies (S. Perlmutter)

Selma Perlmutter makes a motion to increase caddy fees to \$35 for each session worked. Seconded by Les Kent; the motion passed.

Scheduling (C. Sharp)

Carl is replacing all board-a-match swiss events in future schedules with regular swiss events. He will make a report at the next meeting regarding start times for swiss events on last day of tournaments. Should this be 10am or 11am?

Hospitality (K. Hathaway)

No report.

Communications (J. Goldstein)

All flyers for 2008 tournaments are set except for Central States. All 2008 calendars have been distributed.

Juniors/Education (B. Findley)

No report.

Newcomers (J. Churchwell)

No report.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Les Kent, seconded by Angie Clark. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008, at the WinterFest sectional in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

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Frank Chadwell
Secretary, CCBA
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