

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 1, 2007**

President John Goldstein called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:15PM at the home of Jean Faeth, in Hillside, Illinois. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Frank Chadwell	John Goldstein	Tom Dressing	Jackie Addis
Jan Churchwell	Tom Sucher	Kay Hathaway	Suzi Subeck
Selma Perlmutter	Adrienne Cohen	Les Kent	Jean Faeth
Blythe Olshan-Findley			

Absent: Angie Clark and Carl Sharp.

Also present: Harriette Buckman, Kathy Burt, Demaris Johnson, and Rick Mueller.

John Goldstein thanks Jean Faeth for the delicious dinner she prepared for the Board.

First Business:

- Ratification of Minutes, August 6, 2007.

Selma Perlmutter made a motion to accept the minutes of August 6, 2007. Seconded by Jackie Addis; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report (T Dressing) / Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Tom reports that he is finishing off final expenses for WinterFest, SummerFest and Labor Day tournaments. Tom asks that all tournament chairs for 2008 tournaments get budget info to Tom. He is setting up the budget for tournaments out to 2010 with built-in expense/income increases. Tom will be working on a policy for ABA sanction fees and supply charges before our next tournament with them in June, 2008. Cash on hand at both banks totals appx \$102,000.

Tom Sucher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Jan Churchwell; the motion passed.

Old Business:

- Report from Board Administrator (K Burt)

Kathy reports that she and Adrienne Cohen will coordinate the mailing of invitations to the annual Invitational Pairs event at WinterFest, January 2008. Postcards will go out the first week of December.

- Report from Kibitzer Editor (D Johnson)

Demaris reports that she is finishing the Nov-Dec edition of the Kibitzer. Demaris gets regular content from Jim Diebel, the Schuetts and Jim Sternberg. Demaris will continue to run an article requesting nominations for the Harmon Wilkes awards.

- Website Report (T. Dressing)

Tom asks for more content for the website. Tom also reports that he is currently redesigning the website; this project should take about a year.

- Slating of 2008-2009 Officers (J. Goldstein)

John announces that Angie Clark intends to run for president; Carl Sharp for vice-president; Tom Dressing for treasurer; and Jan Churchwell for Secretary.

- Nominating Committee (A. Cohen; T. Sucher)

Tom Sucher will be chairing the upcoming nominating committee meeting. This committee will be comprised of 3 CCBA board directors (Sucher, Kent and Hathaway) and 4 non-CCBA members. Tom will convene this committee and report at our next meeting. There is a need to fill two director positions for 2008.

- ACBL Report (Buckman)

Harriette reports that the current president of the ACBL, Sharon Fairchild, will be attending our upcoming Central States tournament in Lake Geneva (if her health permits).

New Business:

- 2008 Tournaments: Sites and Chairs (J. Goldstein)

John directs a discussion as to the status of the 299er tournaments in 2008. Jan Churchwell will be tournament chair for the May 3-4, 2008 299er sectional. **Motion made by Jackie Addis to keep the May tournament and drop fall 299'er tournament for 2008. Seconded by Adrienne Cohen; the motion passed.**

Labor Day 2008 sectional is set for August 28 thru September 1st.

Tom Sucher now leads the board in a discussion on the FallFest tournament. Attendance has decreased as much as 50% over the years, leading to a financial loss. **Motion made by Jackie Addis to not schedule another FallFest tournament after 2007; seconded by Tom Sucher; the motion passed.**

Blythe is working to get bridge groups organized on the campuses of University of Chicago and University of Illinois; reports will come as this happens.

- Entry Fee Clarification (J Goldstein)

John leads the board in a discussion on the CCBA current card fee structure. **Motion made by Tom Dressing that fees for one session at all regionals be \$13.00; one session at sectional be \$11.00. Full-time students with valid identification (26 years or younger) may play for \$7 at regionals and \$6 at sectionals. Seconded by Tom Sucher; the motion passed. The \$.50 surcharge per person for teams games (other than midnight games) imposed by the district remains in place.**

Motion by Kay Hathaway to allow 299'ers to play at all CCBA tournaments at a reduced rate. Seconded by Tom Dressing; the motion failed.

- Harmon Wilkes Committee (J. Goldstein)

John announces to the board that Angie Clark will chair this committee for 2007. Demaris will correct in the Nov.-Dec. Kibitzer Angie's e-mail address that was published in the last Kibitzer. The deadline for submission of Harmon Wilkes nominations is December 1, 2007. Angie will bring nominations and a full report to the December 3rd CCBA meeting.

- Call for Information for 2008 Budget (J. Goldstein)

(See Treasurer's Report)

Tournament Reports:

- Review of Labor Day Sectional (K. Hathaway)

Kay and Gerry's hard worked made for a successful tournament. There was an issue with caddies. The salary schedule for caddies is set. One caddie cannot send other caddies home from a tournament; this would be the call of the director-in-charge or the tournament chair. John Goldstein asks Les Kent and Selma Perlmutter to meet and come to the board in December with an updated caddie policy. One of our caddies worked three sessions on Friday of the Labor Day tournament. **Motion made by Selma Perlmutter for John Goldstein to send \$25 and a personal note to Pam Tullis for her hard work. Seconded by Les Kent; the motion passed.**

- Status of 299er/Pro Am (J. Addis)

Jackie reports that all is set for this tournament on October 6 & 7. There will be a lunch on Saturday. There are currently 14 tables registered for the pro/am on Sunday.

- Status of Central States Regional (J. Addis)

All CCBA board members who want to use free plays at the upcoming regional should see Jackie at the tournament site. Ken Gee's caddie service will be used for this tournament.

- Status of FallFest (T. Sucher)

Tom reports he is set for this tournament (including caddies).

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

Jan reports that the menu is now set for the membership dinner on Saturday. Frank Chadwell will pass all invitational pairs information to Adrienne Cohen and Kathy Burt.

Committee Reports:

- Finance (T. Dressing)

No report.

- Contracts and Site (T. Sucher)

Tom reports that all contracts are signed and in place for all 2008 tournaments. John Goldstein has maintained a file of all signed contracts for the past 3-5 years.

- Caddies (S. Perlmutter)

No Report.

- Scheduling (C. Sharp)

No Report.

- Hospitality (K. Hathaway)

Kay reports that she has a budget of \$7,500 to spend for hospitality at the upcoming Central States regional. She shares with the board her ideas for food/hospitality. It was the opinion of several board members that free "chits" or special treatment for seniors was not a good idea. Kay will talk to

her committee and decide on specifics.

- Communications (J. Goldstein)

John reports that all advertising is up-to-date. Kathy Burt will need to get our SummerFest ad to the ACBL by January, 2008. Tom Dressing distributes several copies of the CCBA 2008 calendar for proofing.

- Juniors/Education (B. Findley)

Blythe reports that she is attempting to find teachers for DePaul and UIC. The collegiate bridge clubs must be student-sponsored to allow community players to attend.

- Newcomers (J. Churchwell)

No Report.

The next meeting of the CCBA board will be Monday, December 3, at the home of Angie Clark, in Glenview, Illinois. This will be our annual holiday party. Potluck will be served; contact Angie to see what to bring, or a contribution to Angie is also acceptable. There will also be a gift exchange; maximum to spend on a gift is \$15.

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RECAP OF MOTIONS

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