

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 4, 2007**

President John Goldstein called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:10PM at the home of Angie Clark. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Jean Faeth	Frank Chadwell	Angie Clark	Tom Dressing
John Goldstein	Kay Hathaway	Jan Churchwell	Les Kent
Carl Sharp	Tom Sucher		
Selma Perlmutter	Blythe Olshan-Findley		

Absent: Jackie Addis, Adrienne Cohen and Suzi Subeck

Also present: Tobey Belmont

First Business: Ratification of Minutes

Tom Sucher made a motion to accept the minutes of March 26, 2007. Seconded by Jean Faeth. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report (Dressing)

Tom distributed copies of the CCBA operating budget dated as of May 31, 2007. Tom reported on the recent April STAC: table count was up 72 tables from last year. Tom reported on the recent 299er tournament. This tournament was close to breaking even. Next 299er is October 6, 2007, in conjunction with a pro-am game on October 7. (Kathy Burt will check dates and sanctions for this tournament.)

Current cash position for CCBA is \$93,000. A good SummerFest tournament will put the CCBA in a better cash position as we move toward our biggest tournament of the year, Central States in Lake Geneva in October.

The Chase bank account is now set up for the CCBA. Tom is working with Chase to get fees waived for online banking. Procedures are also being set up with Chase for large cash deposits from tournament income. Deposits of \$10,000 or more will have to be tracked due to the Patriot Act.

Motion by Angie Clark to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Tom Sucher. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Report from Board Administrator (K. Burt)

Kathy will be in charge of updating e-mail addresses for board members. We continue to follow a manual process for STAC reporting, waiting for the last club director to report results before posting final numbers. After discussion on setting policy for dealing with “late payment of STAC monies”, it was decided that Kathy Burt will contact the ACBL to get their policy on late STAC collections. Kathy will circulate her findings to board members; this will be an agenda item for our August meeting.

Report from Kibitzer Editor (D. Johnson)

Demaris is not in attendance, but in her absence Kathy Burt requests that tournament chairs and committee chairs submit any reports or hands from tournaments that might be interesting to players for reporting in the Kibitzer. There is a board discussion on the timely mailing of the Kibitzer. Some board members received their May/June issues after May 1st. Kathy will discuss this with Demaris.

Website Report (T. Dressing)

Tom reports that we continue to follow a “manual process” for reporting STAC results. This means that every director is reporting results to Tom before he can post results at the CCBA website. Tom will continue to work toward making this a more streamlined process, similar to the way tournament owners/directors upload club results to the CCBA website.

GNT Report (F. Chadwell)

Tom Dressing will submit a bill to the district for work done by Kathy Burt on the 2007 GNT event.

299er Report (Churchwell)

Jan reports on the recent 299er tournament . Good reviews on the site. We are locked into lunch prices provided by the site caterer. This means that it is essential to keep the table count on budget for this tournament in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Split Regionals (J. Goldstein)

Tobey Belmont (current District 13 president) makes a report to the board on the positives and negatives of sponsoring a “split regional” in our district, and asks if our unit (123) has any interest in doing this.

Motion made by Angie Clark that Unit 123 is NOT interested in participating in a split regional. Seconded by Tom Sucher. The motion passed. (2 (two) abstentions).

District 13 Board Member Vacancy (Goldstein)

John reports that Jackie Addis is leaving the district board and asks for a volunteer to fill her position. Tom Dressing volunteers and will complete Jackie's term.

Following is a list of unit 123 members who currently sit on the District 13 board. Unit 123 is apportioned a total of 9 (nine) seats on the district board, based on membership of the unit. Of these 9, 6 (six) are current sitting members of the CCBA.

CCBA Board Members

Angie Clark
Frank Chadwell
Tom Dressing
John Goldstein
Carl Sharp
Tom Sucher

Non-CCBA Board Members

Ellen Wiebe
Lavern Wiebe
Stan Subeck

Slating for 2008-2009 Officers (J. Goldstein)

John reports that all board members should start thinking about running for the officer positions for 2008-2009. John will report on the rules and regulations pertaining to election of officers at the August meeting. By-laws dictate that members state their intention of running for an office by the October meeting.

Angie Clark reports that it is her intention to become the District 13 alternate director.

John appoints Adrienne Cohen as chair for the 2007 nominating committee. John will forward Adrienne all documents needed to chair this committee. Further report at the August meeting.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Status of CCBA/ABA Sectional (Chadwell)

Frank reports that final preparations are being made for this upcoming tournament. Tom Sucher and Carl Sharp will arrange for a fruit delivery on Friday, June 8. Carl will be bringing some bidding boxes in case they are needed; also Carl will bring some pencils provided by the BloodBank of Chicago to be given out at the site. Selma and Frank (and others) will be bringing

desserts for this two-day event.

Status of SummerFest Regional (Sucher)

Tom reports that more blocks of rooms are being opened up for this event by the host hotel. This should mean good attendance for this tournament. Selma Perlmutter is working on signing up caddies for this tournament. (Pam and Missy are interested; as well as 8 additional names). Jackie has given the tournament box to Kathy Burt to give to Tom Sucher.

Status of Labor Day Sectional (Hathaway)

Kay has just begun to address this tournament since it is three months away. Expenses will be up a bit over last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (Dressing)

No report.

Tournament Oversight (Addis)

No Report.

Contracts (Sucher)

Tom reports that contracts are signed for all tournaments through 2007 and most of 2008.

Tom reports there will be two new sites for tournaments next year. WinterFest, 2008, will be held at the European Crystal Banquet & Conference Center, 519 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights. SummerFest, 2008 will be held at the Waterford Banquet/Conference Center, 933 South Riverside Drive, Elmhurst.

Tom is in negotiations with TrackSide at the southeast corner of Arlington International Racecourse in Arlington Heights to possibly site our FallFest, 299er and Labor Day tournaments. There is a snack bar and restaurant on site; free parking; and chairs provided. Goldstein and Clark have agreed to go look at this site to report further at the August meeting.

Caddies (Perlmutter)

No Report.

Scheduling (Sharp)

Carl reports that this committee met recently. His committee has no recommendations to change any

schedules for future tournaments. There is a question about keeping the membership dinner at WinterFest, as this is a costly annual item. Adrienne Cohen will chair a committee to examine this question.

Hospitality (Hathaway)

Kay reports that she is sending out memos to her committee about hospitality budgets for tournaments for remainder of 2007.

Communications (Goldstein)

Kathy Burt will be working with the ACBL to ensure that we have advertising in the monthly Bulletin.

Juniors/Education (B. O-Findley)

Blythe reports that she has been contacting schools and universities about playing bridge. Liability issues seems to hinder teaching bridge in the high schools, but colleges and universities provide a good opportunity for developing new players. It is important that “sponsors” are found within these organizations. Blythe is putting an ad in the Kibitzer as well as making announcements at club games to solicit volunteers for this committee.

Newcomers (Churchwell)

Jan reports that she has ordered 500 convention card holders to distribute to newcomers at our upcoming SummerFest tournament.

Site (Sucher)

No report.

Kathy Burt reports that she and Jackie Addis went to Jackson Storage and took inventory of what the CCBA has there.

Tobey Belmont reminds the board that Unit 123 is authorized to run a “split” event for the NAOP, flight “C” qualifier with another unit within District 13.

Motion made by Tom Dressing, seconded by Jan Churchwell, to spend up to \$1,500.00 on new bidding boxes to be purchased by Tom Sucher. The motion passed.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Kay Hathaway, seconded by Tom Dressing. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 6, 2007, at the home of Selma Perlmutter in

Chicago, Illinois.

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

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Kathy Burt will check dates and sanctions for the 299er tournament in October.

John Goldstein will forward documents to Adrienne Cohen to assist in chairing the 2007 Nominating Committee.

John Goldstein and Angie Clark will visit the Trackside facility at Arlington International Racecourse in Arlington Heights to determine if it might be a good playing site.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell
Secretary, CCBA
Unit 123