

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 5, 2007**

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

Frank Chadwell	John Goldstein	Blythe Findley
Tom Dressing	Tom Sucher	Angie Clark
Jan Churchwell	Jean Faeth	Kay Hathaway
Carl Sharp	Selma Perlmutter	
Adrienne Cohen	Jackie Addis	

Absent: Les Kent and Suzi Subeck.

Also present: Jim and Patty Chiszar; Kathy Burt; Demaris Johnson; and Ron Johnston.

First Business:

Ratification of Minutes:

Jackie Addis made a motion to accept the minutes of 12-18-2006. Seconded by Angie Clark. The motion carried.

Adrienne Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes of 1-20-2007. Seconded by Jackie Addis. The motion carried.

Treasurers/Finance Committee Report:

Treasurer's Report (Dressing) Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Tom reports that the recent WinterFest tournament made appx \$1200. This is close to budget.

Banking Relationship (Dressing/Goldstein)

John and Tom report that the CCBA will be moving its banking relationship from Suburban Bank to JPMorgan Chase in the near future. Jim Chiszar is retiring and a change is warranted to facilitate cash deposits quickly from such tournaments as Central States in Lake Geneva, since there is a branch of Chase in downtown Lake Geneva.

2007 Budget (Continued)

Tom proposes that we raise table fees for sited tournaments only (not STACS) by \$1.00, which will generate appx \$20,000 annually.

Tom proposes that we cease giving free plays to 0-5 players.

Tom discusses the fact that our sanction fees are down and our supplies cost are being paid outright.

Tom Sucher made a motion that we accept the proposals and accompanying budget submitted by our treasurer, Tom Dressing. Seconded by Jackie Addis. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Results from WinterFest (Sectional, Dinner, Annual Meeting) (Addis)

Jackie reports that attendance was down for this tournament, especially for Saturday night. There were a couple of problems: those playing in the invitational pairs event on Friday night were charged for two sessions when they purchased entries. Refunds were given to those who did not qualify for the final session on Saturday afternoon. Patty Chiszar is retiring after working as our board administrator for several years. The Board recognizes her good work and wishes her and Jim the best as they retire to Florida. It is noted that a reasonable visual aid is needed for the barometer final of the invitational pairs event. Jackie reports that the availability of final numbers for winners of annual masterpoint awards are typically not available until February 1st. The board should accordingly give out these awards later in the year, after the January WinterFest sectional. It is also suggested that the board move the date out one week later for our WinterFest tournament to avoid conflicts with football playoff games.

Report from Board Administrator (K. Burt)

Kathy reports that the transition from Patty to her is going fine. Kathy distributes copies of a current board roster for members to check, among other things, e-mail addresses.

Report from Kibitzer Editor (D. Johnson)

Demaris reports that the March, April 2007 edition of the Kibitzer will be going out the first week of March. The transition of this job from Patty to Demaris is going fine.

USBF Team Trials (T. Sucher)

Tom reports that volunteers are needed for the Trials being held at the Hyatt Regency Oakbrook, from 6-1-2007 to 6-10-2007, for the purpose of reporting results and operating vugraphs. Times needed are 10am to 2:30 pm and 4pm to 8:30 pm. Interested parties should see Tom Sucher.

New Business:

Website Report (T. Dressing)

Tom reports that he is working on a way for club owners to get STAC results reported from the CCBA website, just as they are now uploading and publishing club game results. This will require more timely reporting of STAC results from club directors.

Status of 2007 Tournaments (J. Addis)

Jackie reports that Jan Churchwell will be tournament chair for WinterFest, 2008, with Blythe Findley assisting. Adrienne Cohen will be the chair for the Invitational Pairs event at WinterFest, 2008.

Tournament Reports:

Status of CCBA/ABA Sectional (F. Chadwell)

No Report.

Status of SummerFest Regional (T. Sucher)

Angie Clark will be assisting Tom with this tournament. Meredith is the contact person at the site hotel, the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights.

A special committee has been formed to address the changes in the way we handle supplies for our tournaments. This committee will be comprised of J. Addis, K. Burt, A. Clark, T. Dressing and Rick Mueller (Rick has still to be contacted on this). This committee will meet and report at our March 26th meeting. Ron Johnston is giving some background info on this subject to help frame the issues.

John Goldstein will be making contact with Randy Baron to assure book selling coverage at both of our upcoming regionals and WinterFest 2008. He will report at the March 26th meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance (T. Dressing)

Tom reports that our accountant, Jerry Weinstein, is requesting a raise from \$200 to \$340 per month. It is the board's decision to not agree to this increase; Tom will inform Jerry of this decision. The board decides to find a local CPA to audit our books and do our taxes. Jim O'Brien does this work for the district. Tom will make a further report at the March 26th meeting.

Tournament Oversight (J. Addis)

No report

Contracts (T. Sucher)

Tom reports that the contract for FallFest, 2007, is outstanding. He will get this to J Goldstein for signature in the near future. [NOTE: This Contract was signed and delivered to the site on 2-12-2007]

Caddies (S. Perlmutter)

No report.

Scheduling (C. Sharp)

Carl reports that he will hold a scheduling committee meeting on Tuesday, February 13th.

Hospitality (K. Hathaway)

Kay is beginning to put together hospitality for the SummerFest tournament in July. She will be meeting with the hotel representative, Meredith, in the next few weeks.

Communications (J. Goldstein)

John reports that he and Demaris will have flyers ready for all 2007 tournaments in the next few weeks.

Juniors/Education (B. Findley)

Blythe reports that she would welcome an experienced board member to join this committee. Blythe has had a suggestion to “move up” the schedule for a TAP session at one of our unit’s tournaments. Blythe will have more details at our March meeting.

Newcomers (J. Churchwell)

Jan will be making a full report at our March meeting.

Site (T. Sucher)

Tom reports that we continue to look for sites, especially the site for our 299’ers tournaments, with the loss of the VFW site in Northbrook. Tom reports that the Schaumburg Conference Center has been trying to help us locate sites.

Other Business:

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Kathy Burt has been investigating name badges. There are several available; pin-ons, clasps, etc. Kathy will make a more detailed report at the March meeting.

The Board decides to move the date of the next board meeting from April 9th to March 26th at the home of Blythe Findley.

There being no further business for the Board to discuss, a motion was made by Tom Sucher to adjourn, Seconded by Adrienne Cohen; the motion passed.

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

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RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS:

Adjustment of tournament dates for 2008 WinterFest in January, 2008, to avoid conflict with football playoffs.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell

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