

**Chicago Contract Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 26, 2007**

President John Goldstein called the CCBA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:05PM at the home of Blythe Olshan-Findley, in Westchester, Illinois. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Jackie Addis	Frank Chadwell	Angie Clark	Adrienne Cohen
John Goldstein	Jan Churchwell	Carl Sharp	Tom Sucher
Jean Faeth	Tom Dressing	Les Kent	
Blythe Olshan-Findley			

Absent: Suzi Subeck, Kay Hathaway and Selma Perlmutter

Also present: Kathy Burt, Demaris Johnson and David Findley

First Business:

Ratification of Minutes

Angie Clark made a motion to accept the minutes of February 5, 2007. Seconded by Jackie Addis. The motion carried.

Treasurer's /Finance Committee Report

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

Tom is working out the final details of switching our banking relationship to JP Morgan Chase. The existing accounting relationship with Jerry Weinstein has been terminated. Jerry has prepared the CCBA's 2006 income tax returns, which he forwarded to John Goldstein, who mailed them. Tom will be working with a local accountant to fill this gap. (This accountant will be on an as-needed consulting basis).

The WinterFest sectional in January, 2007 made appx. \$250. Tom will check on whether the CCBA's is tax exempt.

Motion by Adrienne Cohen to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jan Churchwell. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Report from Board Administrator (K. Burt)

Kathy reports that her transition has been smooth. She has a new printer that she is using to scan bills for Tom Dressing. According to the ACBL, the CCBA cannot use credit cards to make payments for tournaments; but it might be possible to use an ATM card to make non-cash deposits from tournaments. Tom Dressing and John Goldstein will talk to JPMorgan Chase to assure compliance with the patriot act (with respect to, among other things, dollar maximums on cash deposits).

Report from Kibitzer Editor (D. Johnson)

John Goldstein commented to the board that Demaris has done a good job on her first issue of the Kibitzer. Demaris wants articles for inclusion in future issues. Demaris requests that tournament chairs get all information together for their tournaments and submit such information to her. Demaris will then provide tournament chairs with their respective flyer and request that any corrections come from only the tournament chairs. Carl Sharp will provide all tournament schedules to Demaris. Tom Dressing will work with Demaris to set her compensation for producing flyers.

Website Report (T. Dressing)

Tom reports that the CCBA website can now produce STAC winners by the end of the day for those clubs reporting results at the CCBA website.

Supplies Committee Report (Addis)

Jackie reports that after discussing supplies with Rick Mueller, Ron Johnston and the ACBL, , there are no major changes to report on this subject.

Bookseller (J Addis)

Jackie is working to get a commitment from a bookseller to be in attendance each year at both our two (2) regionals and our WinterFest sectional. She has talked to Betty; and is in communication with Jacob Morgan. More on this from Jackie at our June meeting.

New Business:

GNT Report (J. Faeth)

Jean reports on the recent GNT qualifier held in Arlington Heights. There was a late start on

Saturday morning, attributed to one of the teams not showing up. The method of scoring was not fully explained to the teams, so that calculation of carry-over was very complex and confusing. Tom Sucher asserts that the GNT event is a district function and will be addressed at the next district meeting in Lake Geneva on April 28, 2007. Tom will make a report to the CCBA after the district meeting.

New 299'er Sectional (J. Churchwell)

Jan reports that the next 299'er sectional will be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Dundee Road in Palatine, on May 5 & 6. Cost for this site is \$550 per day. The flyer is ready and will be distributed at local clubs. Adrienne Cohen will take these flyers to Lake Geneva in late April for distribution up at the District 13 regional. We will need 60 tables for this tournament to break even.

Flights A and AX (C Sharp, K Burt)

Carl and Kathy have corrected the stratifications in our flyers.

Charities (Goldstein, Burt)

John and Kathy have addressed this issue.

Bidding Boxes (T Sucher)

Tom shows the board an example of a bidding box with replacement inserts available from a firm in Canada. These are great looking, durable and less expensive than what we've been paying from other vendors. (We have paid \$50 for a set of four complete boxes; Tom's firm charges \$25; the replacement inserts are \$7 compared to \$13). Tom suggests that we get our inserts replaced by the SummerFest regional to be held in July, 2007. Jackie Addis and Kathy Burt are going to Jackson Storage to take inventory of our equipment stored there (bidding boxes, tables, water coolers, etc.). Jackie and Kathy will report on their findings at the June meeting.

Rick Mueller to attend CCBA meetings? (A. Clark)

Angie suggests that we invite Rick to attend our meetings; just as the recently retired Jim Chiszar used to attend, in an advisory capacity. There is a discussion on a local person who expressed his desire to the ACBL to become a director. What does one need to do to become a director for the ACBL?

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Status of CCBA/ABA Sectional (F. Chadwell)

Frank reports that all is set for this sectional. The director-in-charge will be Ron Johnston. The

CCBA contribution will be deserts for the lunch and dinners that will be served by the ABA. Frank and Selma Perlmutter will coordinate this effort.

Status of SummerFest Regional (T. Sucher)

Tom reports that this will be the last SummerFest at this Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights because the hotel is using its available space to support its new water park and will therefore not rent to outsiders. Tom will coordinate with Kathy Burt and Demaris Johnson to get ads for this tournament into the ACBL Bulletin. The flyer for this event has been completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (T. Dressing)

No report.

Tournament Oversight (J. Addis)

Jackie reminds the Board that the dates for WinterFest, 2008 should be moved to avoid a conflict with the football playoffs.

Contracts (T. Sucher)

Tom reports that contracts are signed for all tournaments through 2007. (Pending board approval for the 299'er sectional in May, 2007).

Caddies (B. Olshan-Findley)

Pam Tullis will caddy for the upcoming 299'er tournament in May.

Scheduling (C. Sharp)

Due to weather conditions, the previously scheduled meeting was canceled. Carl reports that a scheduling meeting will happen soon. Tournaments are currently scheduled through 2007.

Hospitality (K. Hathaway)

No report.

Communications (J. Goldstein)

The discussion of flyers occurred earlier in the meeting.

Juniors/Education (B. Olshan-Findley)

Blythe reports that the final meeting of the youth bridge group will be on March 31, 2007. Blythe needs to get materials from Ginny Schuett. Blythe would like to find some teachers who play bridge.

Newcomers (J. Churchwell)

Jan reports that all is set for the upcoming 299'er tournament in May, 2007.

Site (T. Sucher)

Tom distributes a word document outlining the challenges of finding tournament sites for CCBA tournaments. This document will be placed on the CCBA website and in the Kibitzer with the hope that someone will come forward with some solid leads on tournament sites. The rental costs have become very expensive. Tom believes he has found a site for the 2008 SummerFest: the Waterford Banquet and Convention Center in Elmhurst.

Motion by Addis to give authority to Tom Sucher to contract for the SummerFest, 2008 tournament with Waterford Banquet and Convention Center in Elmhurst. If possible, Tom should seek a multiple-year contract. Seconded by Chadwell. The motion carried.

Motion by Jackie Addis to adjourn. Seconded by Angie Clark. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, 2007, at the home of Angie Clark, in Glenview, Illinois.

RECAP OF MOTIONS:

Motion made by Angie Clark to accept the minutes of February 5, 2007. Seconded by Jackie Addis. The motion carried.

Motion by Adrienne Cohen to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jan Churchwell. The motion carried.

Motion made by Jackie Addis to give authority to Tom Sucher to contract for SummerFest, 2008 tournament with Waterford Banquet and Convention Center in Elmhurst. If possible, Tom should seek a multiple-year contract. Seconded by Chadwell. The motion carried.

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS:

Adjustments of tournament date for 2008 WinterFest tournament in January, 2008, to avoid conflict with football playoffs.

John Goldstein and Tom Dressing to talk to Chase Bank regarding compliance with the patriot act relative to maximum allowable dollar deposits. This is a concern for our regional tournaments.

Jackie Addis will report on booksellers at June meeting.

Tom Sucher will make a report on the March GNT event at June meeting.

Jackie Addis and Kathy Burt will report on CCBA equipment inventory at Jackson Storage at June meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Chadwell

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