

# Chicago Contract Bridge Association Board of Directors Meeting April 14, 2008

The CCBA Board of Directors meeting, held at the home of Jean Faeth, Hinsdale, IL was called to order by President Angie Clark at 7:20 p.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Tom Dressing	Angie Clark	Suzi Subeck	Blythe Olshan-Findley
John Goldstein	Carl Sharp	Selma Perlmutter	Jean Faeth
John Vincent	Kay Hathaway	Les Kent	Bob Young
Adrienne Cohen			

Also Attending: DeMaris Johnson  
Absent: Jan Churchwell and Tom Sucher

A correction to the previous minutes was made – the email address to address the unit board was incorrect. The correct address should be [unitboard@bridgeinchicago.com](mailto:unitboard@bridgeinchicago.com). Dressing reminded the members to include both [executive@bridgeinchicago.com](mailto:executive@bridgeinchicago.com) and [unitboard@bridgeinchicago.com](mailto:unitboard@bridgeinchicago.com) to address the complete board.

A motion was made by Hathaway to accept the minutes as amended of February 15, 2008. The motion was seconded by Cohen. The motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Dressing asked if there were specific questions regarding the written report given to the board prior to the meeting. There being no specific questions, Dressing mentioned highlights of the report.
- October's Central States bill regarding the double billing of the District Breakfast to both the Unit and District was recommended for reviewed one more time by Hathaway.
- The March STAC just concluded yielded a profit of \$2008 (how appropriate). There were some lingering collections to be made, but nothing was as of yet overdue.
- Final Profits of Winterfest sit at \$2669.
- Tax preparation has not been completed for FY 2007. Goldstein and Dressing will compile them before the due date of May 15, 2008.
- The Suburban Bank account is now closed. We had done business with that bank for a period of 26 years.
- Recaps of checks written during the period of Feb and March were provided to the board for their review.
- There is currently \$109,000 in our bank account, with an additional \$16,000 in pre-paid rent expenses for years 2008 and 2009.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Olshan-Findlay, seconded by Kent. The motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

### **Kibitzer Report - Johnson:**

- Editor Johnson reiterated that the deadline for submission to the editor for publication in the Kibitzer was 1 month prior to publication. The next issue to be printed is the July/August issue, and the deadlines for submission are therefore – Jun 1st.
- **ACTION ITEM:** The Kibitzer is currently being proofread by Jim Burt and Johanna Strong. Board members Goldstein and Subeck expressed desire to also proof the publication prior to it being sent to the printer.

### **Website Report:**

- Dressing noted that there seems to be a problem (sometimes) with the subscription service. For some reason the subscribers list gets lost, and needs to be resubmitted. Programming has been put in place to find the root cause of the issue.

## **New Business:**

### **Introduction of Board Member Young: Clark**

- Bob Young was introduced to the board as its newest member. Young was unable to attend our last meeting as he was out of town. Bob is new to bridge and looks forward to representing our newer members.

### **District Board Representatives: Clark**

- President Clark appointed 6 members of the board to the District 13 board during the last session that we met. This is one more than our allotted positions. The president will talk offline with the final two members that were appointed to come to an amicable agreement – Churchwell and Kent were the last two **appointed positions.**

### **WUMBA Regional: Clark**

- President Clark was called by the District Tournament co-ordinator, Wilke, to get the permission of Unit 123 to allow WUMBA to hold a regional during the same time as our Labor Day Sectional. The board agreed that there would be minimal impact to holding the regional at this time.

### **Investigate Split Regional: Clark**

- The District board is investigating alternatives to allow WUMBA to hold more regionals. One of the suggestions made was to investigate allowing the WUMBA region to hold a split regional with the CCBA during the 2009 Summerfest Regional. The tournament is likely to be held in Marquette, MI (on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan) in the Eastern Time Zone.
- The board seemed to think that this was a reasonable thing to investigate, and that some financial arrangement would be likely to be made between the two units.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Clark has delegated the investigation to the Scheduling Committee to come up with a proposed schedule, and to understand any impact that may have on the events to be held.
- Clark will tell the District that the CCBA will begin the discussions with WUMBA if the District will give their blessing.

### **Handbook: Clark**

- Churchwell reviewed the current handbook, and in an e-mail to the board suggested some discrepancies and changes to be made.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Clark formed an ad-hoc committee to meet and discuss the changes recommended – consisting of Churchwell, Cohen, Faeth, and Subeck. The committee will pick their own chair, and report their findings.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance Committee: Dressing**

- The ACBL (in their infinite wisdom) has raised the STAC fees (for STACs of size 501 to 1000 tables) from \$2.86/table to \$4.25/table. The CCBA currently charges \$8/table in STAC fees to the club in order to cover the sanction fees and directors fees. It was noted that the CCBA makes a profit of ROUGHLY \$3/table.
- The committee recommends that the CCBA not absorb any of these costs and increase the table fees to \$9.50/table.
- **MOTION:** Kent moved to accept the findings of the committee and to increase table fees to \$9.50 beginning with the August STAC. Seconded by Olshan-Findley. The motion carried.
- The Tournament Assistant position was discussed, and there is still more information needed in order to determine how much to invest in the current trainee Dolan.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Dressing will go back to the ACBL to determine exactly what criteria are to be met before we may begin to use Dolan as a 'regular' director at our tournaments.
- The District declined to assist in training costs for this Director Trainee.
- Directors Johnson and Flader both expressed desire to bring this director on board in order to help the CCBA reduce costs.
- **MOTION:** Kent moved to modify the budget to include an additional \$900 to go toward training sessions for Dolan. Seconded by Jean Faeth, the motion was carried by a vote of 10 to 3.

### **Scheduling Committee: Sharp**

- This committee has not met due to schedule conflicts of our director advisor. Sharp hopes to have a meeting prior to the next meeting.

### **Juniors/Education: Olshan-Findley**

- Olshan-Findley reported that she has attempted to contact the Gates Foundation in order to procure some funds for teaching in the school, but apparently the Foundation would like to have the schools apply for the funds rather than the local unit boards.

- She also reported that it is getting more difficult to get our volunteers into the schools in which to teach bridge. The schools are tending to be more cautious about allowing strangers into the schools.
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### **In Closing:**

- President Clark wanted to point out that the only new business to be discussed at meetings will be those written reports that have come out of the committee process, and urged the committee chairs to submit their findings in writing two weeks prior to the meeting date.
- **ACTION ITEMS:** All chairs are to submit their committee reports in writing no later than May 27<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2008 at the home of Angie Clark in Glenview, IL. at 7:00pm. There being no further business for the board to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tom Dressing  
Treasurer, CCBA  
Unit 123

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