

CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Loring Knoblauch. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Phyllis Bartlett	Betsy Downs	Bob Maxson	Jamie Rubenstein
Jan Churchwell	Kathy Fortney	Steve McConnell	Suzi Subeck (Zoom)
Steve Donahue	Guy Franklin	Missy Ravid	

Absent: **Bill Anspach, Joe Connelly, Mark Stein.**

Also present: DeMaris Johnson (Zoom), David Joyce.

MINUTES (Jan Churchwell)

Minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2024 approved. Incorrect Annual Meeting date in December 22, 2023 Minutes (already approved) corrected; corrected Minutes approved. Steve Donahue moved to accept both sets of Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Missy Ravid)

The CCBA has purchased moving dollies.

The CCBA bank account is being moved from Chase Bank to Wintrust (specifically, North Shore Community Bank and Trust, Winnetka).

Presently previous Treasurer Joe Connelly is the only person who can authorize changes to the CD's currently held at Consumers Credit Union. A copy of the CCBA's Articles of Incorporation is needed.

The recent STAC produced a profit of approximately \$370 for the CCBA (187.5 tables).

The ACBL's policy for STaC reporting is changing around May 1: Individual Units/Districts will no longer be responsible for collecting fees. This will now be handled directly by the ACBL with each club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tournament Oversight (Suzi Subeck):

Suzi told the Board that David Joyce has renegotiated terms with White Eagle to cover various tournament sizes and suitable rooms at no price increase to the CCBA. Peter Wilke has approved all the potential layouts that Betsy Downs drew up. The Board thanked David and Betsy for their work and congratulated them on its outstanding success.

Betsy Downs reported that set-up help will be needed at Windy City; Georgann Humphrey and Kendra Bridges are preparing a restaurant guide.

Website/Communications (Betsy Downs/Jamie Rubenstein):

A technical glitch affecting iPhones and the website will be corrected.

Windy City flyers are being distributed.

Coordination is needed between information in the Kibitzer, on the website, and on the new FB page, which Webmaster Kathy Fortney envisions as publishing "information relating to bridge in Chicago."

Jamie Rubenstein will publish "brief, newsy" items on the website.

Betsy wants to publish a list of area teachers on the website.

Blasts could be used more often and for other information than just tournament announcements.

I/N/Education (Guy Franklin):

The committee wants to help area colleges start bridge programs. Mentor-mentee arrangements might work in some cases. Holding a Pro-Am might be too difficult, but the idea shouldn't be discarded. Ideas and participation need not come only from committee members.

TOURNAMENTS

Windy City Regional (Betsy Downs): Ready.

ACBL software does not permit shortening the final date of a tournament (after publication) if a month's end is crossed. The ACBL Calendar reads that Windy City ends Monday, July 1; that cannot be changed.

Labor Day Sectional (Guy Franklin and Bob Maxson):

Schedule will include the I/P game with a Barometer final.

Flyer will be ready soon. Steve McConnell will handle Partnerships, Jamie Rubenstein will make up a restaurant list.

Stan Subeck Regional (Suzi Subeck): The flyer will be ready soon.

WinterFest 2025: Betsy Downs will chair; Steve Donahue will co-chair and shadow. Jan Churchwell will check the ACBL calendar for dates.

NEW BUSINESS

The CCBA has its own Zoom account now. Jan Churchwell is holding it presently; she will help any Board members run CCBA-related zooms.

President Knoblauch asked members who will be reporting at a meeting to send their reports out early.

We need to keep expenses down on meeting refreshments.

Next Board Meeting: June 20, 2024, 6:30 pm, GVC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary