

CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Loring Knoblauch. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Bill Anspach	Adrienne Cohen*	Guy Franklin	Missy Ravid
Phyllis Bartlett	Steve Donahue	Bob Maxson	Jamie Rubenstein
Jan Churchwell	Betsy Downs	Steve McConnell	Mark Stein

*Participated via Zoom.

Absent: **Kathy Fortney, Suzi Subeck.**

Also present: David Joyce.

MINUTES (Jan Churchwell)

Adrienne Cohen moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 17. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Missy Ravid)

Treasurer Ravid confirmed that the Board approved a per issue raise for Kibitzer Editor DeMaris Johnson in December, 2023.

TOURNAMENTS

Subeck/Central States (Suzi Subeck)

Report sent out in advance of the meeting.

WinterFest (Betsy Downs)

There will be 2 soups Saturday for the lunch between sessions. We are currently scheduled to play in the Victoria Room. Volunteers are needed for set up on Thursday, Jan. 30.

Tournament announcements will be online, including a reminder about the regular dance club meeting that begins at 3:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Vice President Bob Maxson recommended that two tournament support positions be created to manage inventory and logistics. He made a motion to appoint Suzi Subeck as Logistics Coordinator and a motion to appoint Betsy Downs as Inventory Coordinator. Both motions passed unanimously. Job descriptions for both positions will be in the Operations Manual.

Tournament Oversight (Suzi Subeck):

Report sent out in advance.

Discussion about replacing tables and bidding boxes. Betsy Downs presented a list of options for new tables. The committee will meet and make recommendations to the Board.

Awards (Phyllis Bartlett)

Matthew Dyer recommended Barry Little for the Gran Sportsmanship Award. After discussion, the Board agreed the Service Award would be more appropriate. Guy Franklin moved to present a Service Award to Barry Little. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Maxson nominated Claude Vogel for the Harmon Wilkes Award. After discussion, Mark Stein moved to accept the nomination; motion passed unanimously.

Steve McConnell will chair the Annual Meeting (President Knoblauch will not be present).

Website (Kathy Fortney, Jamie Rubenstein, Co-Chairs)

There have been technical issues with the website; Tom Dressing is working on them with the co-Chairs.

Amin Hakim will become Webmaster in 2025. He and Kathy Fortney will learn the Pianola program for blast emails. Suzi Subeck will also continue to send out blast emails.

Board members should continue to promote the CCBA Facebook page.

Teacher information will be stored under the Resources tab on the website.

David Joyce suggested a notice on the website reminding players to treat White Eagle staff courteously.

Governance (Bill Anspach)

The Operations Manual is in its final stages. Jan Churchwell will send edits. Much of the information in the appendices will be deleted or stored on the website. Jan Churchwell moved to accept the Operations Manual subject to updates. Motion passed unanimously.

I/N/Education (Guy Franklin)

Other Units have held successful Open Sectionals in conjunction with Gold Rush games. Guy chose not to run for another term but said he would be available to support the next committee chair, including mentoring games and searching for prizes for I/N tournament winners.

Nominating (Steve McConnell)

Officers slate for 2025:	President	Loring Knoblauch
	Vice President	Bob Maxson
	Treasurer	Missy Ravid
	Secretary	Jan Churchwell

There being no nominations from the floor, Steve Donahue moved to accept the slate. Motion passed unanimously.

2025 Board Meetings: February 27, 6:30 pm, Glen View Club; April 17, time and place tbd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Adrienne Cohen moved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of October 17. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Maxson moved to appoint Suzi Subeck as Tournament Logistics Coordinator and Betsy Downs as Tournament Inventory Coordinator. Motions passed unanimously.

Jan Churchwell moved to accept the Operations Manual subject to final updates. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Donahue moved to accept the slate of officers of 2025. Motion passed unanimously.