Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by President Jan Churchwell at 7:04 pm. Also in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Jan Churchwell  Adrienne Cohen  Tom Dressing  Todd Fisher  Guy Franklin
Mark Friedlander  Craig Gardner  Les Kent  Loring Knoblauch  Phil McPeek
Sharon Pobloske  Joe Stokes  Bob Young

Absent:
Suzi Subeck  Steve Brown

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 11 meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report (Gardner)

- Membership Dinner was cheaper by $3000 than last year and had roughly the same number of participants.
- Gardner reported that he decided to wait until the market volatility was reduced, but still plans on investing roughly $70,000 into a secure fund.
- Kent discussed the discretionary budgets that were available to the president and committee chairs with the board. These funds would include meetings off cycle with the board meetings and if a meal, coffee or mileage (for example to Lake Geneva, WI for a meeting).
- The president asked the board to consider the raising of fees for the remainder of the year.
- The vice-president asked the finance committee to determine the goals of what we wish to lose, and then determine what comes from fee increase and what comes from cost cutting.
- A motion was made to table the budget until the April meeting. More information is needed for our regionals, and there is no tournament before the next meeting. The motion passed.
- A motion was made to accept the treasurers report. The motion passed.

Tournament Reports

Winterfest (Dressing):

- Winterfest was down 60 Tables from last year. I don’t understand why 10 minutes further north causes this problem. On the highway, it’s even less.
- The tournament profits were only slightly down ($300) from budget and lost $2100.
- The site was great to work with, and I think event they were happy with additional sales that were made (Sandwiches during our morning breaks.)
- Joe Connelly was a great addition to helping me run the tournament. Much like Carl, but different!
- The site holds 70 tables in the playing area that we had for Winterfest. Is this big enough now for a regional in our area?

May 499er (Franklin):

- Fliers are out for the tournament.
- The space is reserved for the tournament. There is a $320 fee for the security guard, to be paid on the day of the event.
- Franklin indicated that he’s set for hospitality.
- McPeek will be available as a standby partner as he is under 500 MP’s still.
- A bridge speaker will be arranged to talk to the crew during the session.

Windy City Regional (Young):

- The event is currently scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday. There are no night games planned.
- Rent for the facility is $1040/day and $1440 for Saturday.
- Food and Water cannot be brought into the site as there is a caterer for the site we need to go through.
- Subway remained open for us for the Sunday Swiss, but the volume that was expected didn’t appear, so we are not sure how willing they will be to stay open.
Committee Reports

Communications (Kent):
- Kent picked up flyers for the 499er tournament, but the printer provided 500 copies of the Labor Day 2018 tournament. The charge was $190 for 500 flyers from 4 Everstudio.

Junior (Stokes)
- There are active programs planned for this year. Two youth are again heading to the camp this year.
- There is an intercity tournament that is planned to be run again this year.
- One of the youth sponsors that leads Whitney Young is retiring, and a replacement is being investigated.

Site Committee (Young):
- Fallfest this year will be in the Wyndham in Schaumburg – Friday Nov 9 to Sunday Nov 11.
- Central States running Tues Oct 23 to 28, and we now moving it forward a week, Tues Oct 30 to Nov 4. The site has agreed to waive any minimum room requirement as a result.

New Business
- Churchwell has been working on the CCBA Handbook and is close to providing the revisions to the board. Friedlander has a “blacklining” program to help highlight the changes made from the previous version. Churchwell will provide both copies to be highlighted appropriately.
- Churchwell discussed the ACBL’s email regarding temporary memberships.
- Friedlander would like to add for the next meeting a “Arbitration Clause” be inserted into our by-laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2018 at Journey Care in Glenview.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Dressing, Secretary

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