

CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 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*
Steve Donahue*	Guy Franklin	Missy Ravid	

* Participated via Zoom.

Absent: **Bill Anspach, Joe Connelly, Jamie Rubenstein**

Also present: David Joyce.

MINUTES (Jan Churchwell)

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2024 were deferred.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Missy Ravid)

Treasurer Ravid will send the written report after the meeting. Currently there is approximately \$39,000 in a Wintrust Money Market Account and almost \$12,000 in the checking account; the balance of the CD's at Consumers Credit Union was \$85,778.08 as of March 31.

The Finance Committee approved a structure for laddering funds in the Money Market account to maximize investment potential.

Jan Churchwell said that the pre-pandemic budget process had ideally been to have a draft budget for the next year presented to the Board by the December Board meeting and finalize it at the February meeting. Because the Annual Meeting had to be held in January and was always incorporated into the WinterFest Sectional, budgets for the tournament and meeting (including the Annual Dinner) had to be approved by December independently of the main Budget.

TOURNAMENTS

Windy City Regional (Betsy Downs): Chair Downs had received comments from some people that the tournament was too close to District 8's Regional in Crystal Lake. Jan Churchwell said she had not received many Partnership requests. Alec Sun volunteered to be a Gold Rush standby for Thursday. Jim Diebel will give a "chalk talk" before the Saturday afternoon game.

Guy Franklin suggested that searches for Guaranteed Partners be advertised on the website and the Facebook page. He also said he would give a bridge book to every Guaranteed Partner.

Labor Day Sectional (Guy Franklin and Bob Maxson): Flyers for the tournament and the IP Game were taken to the Crystal Lake Regional. Restaurant and hotel lists to be posted on the website.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee (Steve McConnell): The five Board members whose terms expire are Betsy Downs, Guy Franklin, Bob Maxson, Missy Ravid, and Mark Stein. Chair McConnell asked them to let him know (in writing) whether they wished to be slated for another term. He also asked the Board to tell him about people who might be interested in joining the Board.

Tournament Oversight (Suzi Subeck/Jan Churchwell): The committee will select dates for 2025 Tournaments. Labor Day dates can be set, and WinterFest (and the Annual Meeting) can again be held on the weekend that falls between the final Playoff game and the Super Bowl.

Website/Communications (Betsy Downs/Jamie Rubenstein): Co-Chair Rubenstein reported for the committee. He would like people to send him interesting hands to post on the website. The teachers list is being readied; the Board will not limit participation to accredited teachers.

I/N/Education (Guy Franklin): Report mailed out in advance of the meeting. Guy asked for additions to the list of local colleges to investigate. He and Jamie will send a letter to colleges; Jamie will find a contact person at each college to receive the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Fortney asked whether it was true that the ACBL might hold the Summer 2027 NABC outside the city (near O'Hare). Suzi Subeck confirmed, saying that working with the Sheraton had been difficult.

Next Board Meeting: August 22, 2024, 6:30 pm, GVC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary