

**CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 26, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Loring Knoblauch. Present and constituting a quorum were:

**Phyllis Bartlett  
Jan Churchwell  
Adrienne Cohen\***

**Steve Donahue  
Betsy Downs  
Steve McConnell**

**Missy Ravid  
Jamie Rubenstein  
Suzi Subeck\***

\* Via Zoom

**Absent: Bill Anspach, Bob Maxson, Mark Stein**

**Also present: David Joyce**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Loring Knoblauch)**

The Board approved the appointment of Jim Diebel to the District 13 Board replacing Jan Churchwell who has resigned. Kathy Fortney has resigned from the Board. Amin Hakim tendered his resignation, but President Knoblauch will speak to him about taking a leave of absence until September 30 instead, at which time Amin can make a final decision about staying on the Board.

President Knoblauch reminded the Board that the Glen View Club has a "no denim" dress policy.

**MINUTES (Jan Churchwell)**

Steve McConnell moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 3, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Missy Ravid)**

Treasurer Ravid distributed Financial Reports for March, April, and May. She reminded the Board that reducing and consolidating equipment would save money because Eagle Storage charges by the pallet; the monthly fee/pallet is \$180.

Suzi Subeck reported that the new bidding boxes have been delivered to Eagle.

**TOURNAMENT REPORTS**

**Windy City (Betsy Downs)**

The order to Eagle will be revised immediately to include more tables and a crate of bidding boxes.

The tournament will be held in the Vivian and Karol Ann rooms, which are connected. Peter Wilke is DIC; there will be a second Director.

Partnership Chair Jan Churchwell said there will be a Guaranteed Partner all 4 days, with Jamie Rubenstein covering on July 10.

A survey will be sent out immediately following the tournament. There will be general questions which will be part of all future surveys, as well as a set of questions specific to the tournament.

Suzi Subeck has an article about IMP Pairs which will be posted on the website.

The Tournament Committee will discuss the current fee structure. Temple Jeremiah is raising its rates; the new entry fee will be the same as the CCBA's rate for Sectionals.

### **Labor Day (Steve Donahue)**

Plans are on track. The tournament will run 4 days. Steve McConnell and Bob Maxson are assisting, and Jan Churchwell is handling Partnerships. Adrienne Cohen will manage registration and seating for the Invitational Pairs game. Jim Diebel will present a mini-lesson between games on Saturday.

Suzi Subeck will make sure that all supplies are picked up early Tuesday morning. David Joyce said that if there is any hitch in pick-up the CCBA would not be allowed to use the site again.

Inventory Coordinator Betsy Downs will bring supplies to the tournament.

### **Stan Subeck/Central States (Suzi Subeck)**

Plans are on track.

### **WinterFest 2026**

David Joyce has found a potential site in the city. He suggested it for both WinterFest and the GNT's, but GNT Chair Suzi Subeck said it probably would not work for the GNT's. She reminded the Board that the GNT's are run by District 13, not Unit 123.

David will arrange a meeting with the Manager and other members of the Tournament Committee as soon as possible.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Communications (Suzi Subeck and Jan Churchwell)**

Kibitzer Editor DeMaris Johnson informed the members of the committee that she is retiring immediately.

Kathy Fortney's article about the CCBA's Facebook page will be reposted.

### **Club Relations (Phyllis Bartlett)**

Some club owners would like to discuss revising the Strats for STaCs. Mary Schultz, who runs the Calumet Bridge Club in Hammond, IN would like to see Board members at games. Phyllis Bartlett will ask other club owners for input.

Approved Minutes of Board meetings are posted on the CCB website under the Unit Board tab.

The CCBA does not post financial information, but any club owner can ask Treasurer Ravid for a financial statement.

### **IN/Education (Phyllis Bartlett, Mark Stein)**

Discussion about holding an I/N tournament ("Stars of Tomorrow").

### **Nominating (Bob Maxson)**

Discussion deferred.

### **Tournament Oversight (Jan Churchwell and Suzi Subeck):**

Old bidding boxes need to be winnowed; those in good condition can be offered to club managers and players.

WinterFest and Windy City have been sanctioned for 2026. Windy City is scheduled for June 4-7. Site information on the ACBL website is for White Eagle; it will be updated when a new site is found.

Jan Churchwell said she selects tournament dates by checking the ACBL Calendar and getting consensus from the committee about specifics; Betsy Downs is Sanction Coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The Board reaffirmed its approval of the Glen View Club as a meeting location.

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 21, 6:30 pm, Glen View Club**

Jan Churchwell  
Secretary

**RECAP OF MOTIONS**

**Steve McConnell moved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of April 3. Motion passed unanimously.**