

**Unit 124 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2023**

Attendance: John Altman, Michelle Barker, Jim Barrett, Bill Brewer, , Bert Luken, John Meinking, Lew Temples, and John Williams. Not in Attendance: Melissa Hellman.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Meinking.

Minutes Adopted:

Upon motion by Brew Brewer and second by Jim Barrett, the minutes from the last Board meeting were adopted without objection

New Business:

1. Spooktacular Sectional Recap

- Saw 73 tables over 5 session which was an improvement from last year's table count of 71.5 tables over 7 sessions. Total profit was approximately \$2,000 which was mostly attributable to the use of a local sectional director.
- Set dates for next year's tournament – October 25-27 (Friday – Sunday).
- Coordinator will replace Eight is Enough team game with a stratified swiss next year.

2. 2024 CBA Board Member Elections

- Four members running: Melissa Hellman, Arun Goyal, Michelle Barker, and Geri Osborn
- Bill Brewer will coordinate obtaining and posting candidate bios to the website.
- CBA will hold the in-person vote at the Holiday party and online voting will be available from December 11 – December 17.

3. Holiday Party

- Holiday Party set for 12/16/23. Bill Brewer will work with Pam Campbell to coordinate the food offerings.

4. Unit Awards

- Steurnagle Award: Debbie Cummings will be coordinating the award's committee
- Eber Award: No nominations made by the board, but the board will accept additional nominations from the membership.
- Nancy Sachs Award: The board nominates Rob Lail for the award and will accept additional nominations from the membership.
- The award winners will be announced at the Holiday Party

5. CBA Portfolio Report

- Jim Barrett and John Meinking continue to manage the portfolio and report the bond ladder is now set up. Current portfolio is approximately \$150,000.
- Members of the board have requested financial literacy training at a future meeting. John and Jim will take additional time at a future meeting to break down and explain out current positions.

6. CBA 2023 Q3 Financials

- The board reviewed the Q3 financials showing an net positive of approximately \$15,000 through Q3. The club is running at the breakeven point through Q3 as the \$15,000 is approximately the profit made through the Flying Pig Regional

7. Member Communication

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- Bridgewebs email database needs to be updated if we would like to use that as a form of member communication.
- Bill Brewer is currently using his email list software with the ACBL lists and has volunteered to use that to report updates in CBA games.
- Discussion of email bloat from directors – directors will make efforts to work together to cut down on total emails sent to membership each week.

8. 2024 Tournament Schedule and CBA Sanctions

- Currently sanctioned events: STaC – Week of March 25, Flying Pig Regional – June 2 – 8, GNT – April 6-7.
- Bill Brewer has sanctioned a 199er sectional the weekend of April 5-7. This conflicts with the GNT so it will be moved to April 25-27. It will also be changed from a 199er sectional to an NLM Sectional.
- Pam Campell and Bill Brewer are working to sanction a summer sectional from August 9-11.
- STaC will be held August 25-31
- Spooktacular will be held October 25-27

9. CBC Building Maintenance

- Water leak in the parking lot is still present. John Meinking is working with the landlord to have repairs made. Landlord will be having work done and will likely need to block off a portion of the lane leading to the back parking lot. We have stressed to the landlord the importance of getting this fixed before it gets too cold to avoid ice.

10. CBA Technology

- Updating computer system – the board will consider a proposal at the next meeting for upgrading both the back and front desktops to laptops.
- Printers – There is a need to purchase a new printer to help save on ink costs. The board will consider a proposal for the purchase of a new black and white printer for hand records and a color printer for general use. A member of the CBC has volunteered to donate color ink for the color printer.
- Bridgemates – Discussion on the need to replace problem Bridgemates. Some of the Bridgemates are slowing down, but are still usable. Replacing Bridgemates would cost approximately \$150 per unit. The board agrees this is too cost prohibitive at this time and will continue to use the current supply of Bridgemates.

11. Lapsed Members

- Bill Brewer has been reaching out to lapsed members provided by the ACBL database and encourages other directors to do the same. The CBA will make the lapsed member information available to any directors interested in this.

Next Trustee Meeting:

The Trustees will meet on January 6, 2024, at 10:00 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Altman, Secretary