

CBA Board of Directors Special Meeting.**31 August 2021****Topic:** Change the Cincinnati Flying Pig Regional.**Attendees:** Orr, Moese, Mess, Campbell, Temples, Williams, Mehalko, Stephani**Absent:** Barker

Called to order 7:04 PM

Background

No updates on guidance from the ACBL. Next date unclear. BoD meets 9/9.

September Regionals are cancelled. There are 5 NLM or downgraded sectionals (not requiring ACBL personnel). >90% chance ACBL will cancel the October sanction for the Flying Pig, and if they don't they are very likely to require everyone be vaccinated and wear a mask.

Finances suggest the following: \$5000 rent plus \$1250 director's fees (10 sessions at \$125 per session) will require 157 tables at \$40 per table (\$10/player) independent of sanction fees.

Sanction fees:

Upgraded Club Championship. \$1.00 / table (UGCC)

NLM Sectional. \$2.13 / table

Downgraded Sectional. <\$3.24 / table

That's 16 tables per session plus a few more to cover table fees just to breakeven.

We discussed that the UGCC will pay more points than a downgraded sectional, that open players are more interested in winning than silver points, and that the two events cannot blend table count to the open because they are on two different sanctions. Doing one event as a downgraded sectional for the purpose of inflating open section table count found no support.

We recognized that changing the scope of the tournament will no longer meet any expectation of a sizable profit to help cover 2021 losses for the Unit. Indeed, we will need a sizable crowd just to break even. The Board expressed that break even or a small profit is an acceptable goal under the circumstances.

We want to maintain a good relationship with the host hotel. They indicated that they would work with us after the event to help with the cost where possible. AJ will follow up on that with the experience in hand.

We also discussed that the ACBL wants someone to run an event before Austin NABC.

On AJ's request, Steve Moese made the following motion:

Motion (seconded by Tom Mess)

We move to replace the October Flying Pig regional with the following events on the same dates:

- 1) Run open bridge as a UGCC all sessions.
- 2) Run NLM bridge as NLM sectional all sessions.

Directors paid \$125 per session (add a director if field size too large for one).

Proof of full vaccination (shots and waiting period) mandatory - no exceptions of any kind.

Masks are encouraged. While not mandatory masks show your fellow players that you care for their good health. We welcome all mask wearers.

Motion carried unanimously with no dissent.

Discussion affirmed that we will need one person checking proofs of vaccination assisting the director during the selling of entries. We will have the CBC vaccinated players list available as a start.

We will also ask all clubs to show solidarity with us and close during the week of the tournament.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM EDT. A brief executive session was held to discuss a matter of interest.

Submitted Respectfully,
Steve Moese, Secretary Unit 124
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