

Unit 124 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes February 18, 2023

Attendance: John Altman, Michelle Barker, Jim Barrett, Bill Brewer (by Video), Melissa Hellman, Bert Luken, John Meinking, and John Williams.

Not Present: Lew Temples

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 A.M. by President Meinking

Minutes Adopted: Upon motion by John Williams and Second by Jim Barrett, the minutes from the January 10, 2023 board meeting were adopted without objection.

1. CBA Website:

- Kevin Henry is learning the system and getting up to speed on updates.

2. Committee Assignments:

- Cincinnati Bridge Center Operations – John Meinking;
- Unit Coordinator – No appointee at this time.

3. CBA Portfolio:

- Portfolio is currently doing fine and much of the fixed income items have rebounded.
- There is currently no action that needs to be taken regarding the portfolio

4. CBA Financials for 2023:

- 2022 financial statements are not yet completed as we are still waiting to receive the 1099 for the investment account.
- Estimated financials for the year show a loss of \$20,000 in 2022. Our 2022 tournaments only earned approximately \$1,000

5. 2023 Tournament Schedule:

- Spooktacular:
 - i. The Board noted that weekends were the worst attended days of most tournaments and that most players do not travel for sectionals. Because of this, the Spooktacular will be held on a Sunday – Tuesday schedule to capitalize on our regularly running games.
 - ii. The schedule will be as follows:
 1. Sunday: 8 is enough Swiss Team (2 session playthrough)
 2. Monday: Open Pairs at 11 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
 3. Tuesday: Open Pairs at 11 A.M.
 - iii. The ACBL has updated their director requirements and now allows games to be directed by club directors. This will help save money at the sectional as director's fees are the largest expense.
- STaCs
 - i. D11 currently has 4 STaCs scheduled during the year. Unit 124's will sponsor STaCs on 07/31 – 08/06 and 08/28 – 9/03. Unit 124 may also look to schedule a STaC during winter 2023.
- NLM Sectional
 - i. Bill Brewer will explore the possibility of running a NLM sectional

6. Data Access:

- The unit email is now accessible on all CBC computers. This allows access to the google drive for all board members.

7. Vaccination Protocol:

- President Biden has announced he intends to end the state of emergency on May 11, 2023. The board will reevaluate its vaccination protocol as this date gets closer. Until then, the current vaccination protocol remains in place.

8. Plaques:

- Bert Luken is currently working to compile a list of plaques that need to be updated. John Meinking will work with Bert to connect him to the engraver and ensure the list of plaques is complete.

9. CBC Contract Status:

- CBC leases have been signed by all club managers except Isaac Stephani.
- Discussed the use of robots to fill half tables in games.
- **MOTION:** Bert Luken moved that no table rent shall be charged by the Unit for BBO robots. However, if a remote pair is used via BBO, rent would still be charged. Jim Barrett seconded the motion. John Altman and John Meinking abstained. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

10. Defibrillator Training:

- Lew temples has contact the Evendale fire department to schedule a training. The individual who does the trainings is unavailable until March. Lew will follow up with the fire department to schedule a training in the next several weeks.

11. CBC Cleaning:

- The CBC is currently being cleaned 5 times per week. The board agreed this number of cleanings was likely excessive. Cleanings will now be scheduled to take place two days per week on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

12. CBC Directors:

- There is currently a need for directors at the CBC. We do not necessarily need directors willing to run their own games. Instead we need directors who are able to fill in and occasionally direct the current games. John Altman is willing to run another directing class if there is an interest.
- Bill Brewer and Rob Lail will be running a new Monday morning game starting in March.

13. Long Term Goals

- **Trust Account:**

- i. Jim Barrett reported that we would need to hire an attorney to form a trust. The likely cost would be between \$1,000 and \$2,000. The drawback of this account is that donations would not be tax exempt meaning there is no tax benefit to donate. Jim believes there may be some attorneys in the community who may be willing to perform this service *pro bono*.

- **Youth Bridge:**

- i. John Meinking created posters and took them to Evendale to be put up. No responses at this time. John also sent emails to the math club moderators at Kings and Mason high schools but did not receive a response. At this point it is likely we will need some personal contact with the school/organization we wish to approach. Michelle Barker volunteered to reach out to some schools by phone.

- ii. Linda Costura is a member of the Good Shepard Church. She will talk with the church group about potentially putting on a presentation about bridge.

Next Trustee Meeting:

The Trustees will meet on May 1 at 5:30 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M. upon motion of Jim Barrett seconded by John Williams.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Altman, Secretary