

## **CBA Board Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Pam Campbell, Barry Wauligman, Dan Koppenhafer, Tom Mess, and Kay Mulford.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Tom Mess and seconded by Pam Campbell, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting.

### **Preliminary Report on the 2016 Cincinnati Regional**

The Treasurer, Pam Campbell, reported that the CBA made just under \$18,000 at the 2016 Flying Pig Regional. A fuller report will be available next month. The table count was down only slightly (12 few tables), but the Board believes that may have been attributable to the Regional starting on Memorial Day as the Pro-Am event was not as well attended as last year.

### **Nancy Sachs Fund**

There has not been any use of the Nancy Sachs Memorial Fund. Paul Pschesang will be contacted to ask what plans there are for the use of these funds, which is currently around \$5,000.

### **CBA Investments**

John Meinking reported that the funds set aside for CBA investment are now fully invested.

### **CBC Renovations**

John Meinking reported on the status of CBC renovations. A punch list will be reviewed with National Construction. On June 21, National Construction was installing the cabinet in the Women's Restroom. There was a suggestion that the carpeting could be replaced during the NKy Sectional held July 15-17. After investigation, it was determined that it was not practical to replace the carpeting during that 3-day period, which includes the weekend. The carpeting will probably be replaced during the 2017 Cincinnati Regional.

The Board will continue to explore the potential replacement of the fluorescent bulbs with LED lights. There will be five fixtures in the foyer section of the CBC replaced with LEDs with proper ballasts and drivers. If the lighting with the proper ballasts and drivers is satisfactory, the Board will consider replacing the balance of the fluorescent fixtures.

Pam Campbell has explored the purchase of a mounted picture (10' x 4') of the skyline of downtown Cincinnati for hanging on the back wall (east wall) of the CBC.

On motion by Tom Mess and seconded by Dan Koppenhafer, the Board approved the spending of up to \$700 for the purchase of the mounted picture by a vote of 5 in favor and 1 opposed.

### **Review of Upcoming Events at the CBC**

John Meinking wanted to make note of the following special events that will be occurring at the CBC this year:

- a. STaC week – August 8-14
- b. NLM Sectional – September 17-18
- c. NAP District 11 Finals – October 22-23
- d. Spooktacular Sectional – October 28-30

- e. CBA Holiday Party – December 11 (Sunday) at the CBC. It was noted that many CBA members have not been attending the holiday party when it is held in the evening. This year, we will try holding the Holiday Party on a Sunday, with it starting early enough that the event should be finished by 5 P.M.

### **Unit 124 Board Elections**

Unit 124 elections for the Board of Trustees will be held in the fall. Joe Muenks, who has run the elections for over a decade, will be training his replacement, Gail Zimmer, during this year's election. The Board appreciates the years of service Joe has provided to the CBA with his handling of the election process.

### **ACBL Board of Directors Elections**

Tom Mess had been contacted by the National ACBL Director of Elections about the CBA Trustees voting for A. Beth Reid or A. J. Stephani in the upcoming District 11 election of a National ACBL Director. (This is the first instance of more than one District 11 candidate running for over a decade.) The election period commences August 15 with ballots needing to be received by the Director of Elections by the close of business on September 15, 2016.

The CBA has the choice of having the Board call a special election meeting, which can be part of a regular board meeting, or permit electronic voting. With a regular board meeting, absentee ballots would be available for Board members unable to attend the Board meeting. With the electronic voting, each Board member is emailed a ballot and the Board member responds to such email electronically.

Tom explained that the letter from the Director of Elections stated that Unit 124 had a total membership of 959 as of June 1, 2016. The ACBL divides that number by 100. The CBA has 9.59 votes that it can cast. The 9.59 votes are further divided by 9, the number of Trustees. Each Trustee can cast 1.0655 votes. Given that the special election meeting could involve absentee ballots, physically mailing the completed ballots, Tom recommended that the Board elect the electronic voting.

Upon motion by Kay Mulford and seconded by Dan Koppenhafer, the Board unanimously opted for the electronic voting.

Tom advised the Board members that he would let the National ACBL office know that we selected electronic voting. He also asked that the Board members make sure their email address is current with the National ACBL office.

### **Education Committee Meeting**

John Meinking reported that the Education Committee would be meeting on June 23. He shared that he wants the Education Committee to consider the following:

- a. Encourage newcomers to join the ACBL by offering a package that would have free plays valued at the cost of a 1 year ACBL membership;
- b. Provide easy instructions on how to successfully complete a convention card;
- c. Work out the best way to have newcomers with 0-20 MPs to play a separate game that would take 1-2 hours. (3-3.5 hour games can be overwhelming for newcomers.)

### **Coffee Makers**

The CBA will be receiving a bid on the installation of a Reverse Osmosis water system that would automatically feed the coffee makers. The Board will consider this proposal when available. Such installation may include the purchase of new coffee making equipment.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

Tom Mess  
Secretary