

## **CBA Board Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2016**

**Approved 18 Oct 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Steve Moese, Dan Koppenhafer, Tom Mess, Barry Wauligman, Nalin Mehta, Lenny Kanterman, and Pam Campbell.

### **Minutes Approval**

The minutes of the August 16 and 23 meetings were unanimously approved by the Board. Per our usual practice, the minutes will be posted on the CBA website.

### **Flying Pig Regional**

The Board noted that the CBA President, John Meinking, or the Chair of the Tournament Committee (as authorized by the CBA President) were granted the approval necessary to negotiate and execute the contract for the Flying Pig Regional with the Ramada Plaza at 11320 Chester Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246 by unanimous written consent.

### **CBC Renovations**

President Meinking reported the CBC renovations for 2016 are completed.

### **NAP and Spooktacular Sectional**

The NAP District 11 Finals will be held at the CBC on October 22 & 23. The following weekend, the Spooktacular Sectional will be held October 28-30. Pam Campbell agreed to contact the cleaning contractor to make arrangements for cleaning during these events.

On motion by Tom Mess and seconded by Nalin Mehta, the Board unanimously agreed to provide an up to \$350 food budget for the NAP.

### **Holiday Party – Sunday, December 11**

The Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday – December 11. John Meinking asked if the Board felt the date should be changed due to the Bengals at Cleveland at 1PM. The consensus of the Board was that the Holiday Party should remain scheduled for December 11.

### **Unit 124 Board Elections**

Unit 124 elections for the Board of Trustees will be held in the fall with voting at the Spooktacular Sectional. The three incumbents (Messrs. Meinking, Mess, and Moese) are standing for reelection. If anyone else is interested, please contact Joe Muenks or Gail Zimmer.

### **December Board Meeting – December 14**

John Meinking announced that the Board meeting in December will be on Wednesday, December 14. His current plan is to hold it at Le Petite France.

### **Annual Membership Meeting – November 15 at 6:00 P.M.**

The annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Cincinnati Bridge Center on November 15 at 6:00 P.M. All members are invited to attend.

Upon motion by Tom Mess and seconded by Pam Campbell, the Board unanimously approved providing free pizza and free play at the Tuesday evening game immediately following the Annual Meeting.

### **Unit 124 CBA Proposal to District 11 for Future GNT and NAP Finals**

Steve Moese had provided a draft CBA Proposal for hosting GNT and NAP Finals for District 11, beginning CY 2017 for the NAP and 2018 for the GNT. Board members made several suggested changes to the draft proposal. The Board also mentioned that the hosting of the GNT and NAP finals provide additional income to Unit 124 as well as encourages more Unit 124 members to participate since the finals are locally held.

Upon motion by Steve Moese and seconded by Dan Koppenhafer, the Board unanimously approved the draft proposal as modified.

### **Education Committee**

Dan Koppenhafer made a presentation on behalf of the CBA Education Committee. The Education Committee proposed that any one completing an Education Committee approved 10-12 week Beginning Bridge Course would receive a free bridge book selected by the instructor and a free one-year ACBL membership.

The Board debated the merits of Education Committee's proposal. The Board felt that to encourage participation in club games, there should be a limited number of free plays as well. Once the new bridge player has completed the course, the player would receive three free plays at the CBC. Upon the redemption of the first free play at the CBC, the new player would receive the free book and the free ACBL membership.

The Board asked Mr. Koppenhafer to share the Board's input with the Education Committee, as well as the Committee's thoughts on how its proposal would work with other Club game sites within Unit 124. Mr. Koppenhafer will work with the Education Committee and bring back a more detailed proposal.

The Board commended the Education Committee for its creativity and hard work in its efforts to expand the number of duplicate bridge players within the Unit.

### **ACBL Board of Directors Elections – Mr. A. J. Stephani Elected to ACBL Board**

Unit 124's A.J. Stephani defeated incumbent Beth Reid of Louisville, KY to represent District 11 (Kentucky, Western Ohio, Central Indiana, and West Virginia) on the ACBL Board of Directors.

Beth Reid had served in this role for the past 9 years.

The Board unanimously adopted a resolution congratulating A.J. and wishing him good luck in this new role. His three-year term begins January 1, 2017.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further matter before the Board, the Board adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Tom Mess  
Secretary