

CBA Board Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 P.M. In attendance were John Meinking, Steve Moese, Tom Mess, Barry Wauligman, Pam Campbell, Lenny Kanterman, and Nalin Mehta. Also in attendance were Kay Mulford and Mo Mineard.

Minutes Approval

The minutes of the October 18 meeting were unanimously approved by the Board. Per our usual practice, the minutes will be posted on the CBA website.

Education Committee

John Meinking reported that the Education Committee report was deferred until a later meeting.

Future Events at the CBC

John Meinking reported that the following events are scheduled at the CBC:

- Annual Membership meeting – November 15 at 6 P.M. John reported that he will first give the President's Report. After his Report, he will open the floor to questions from the members. If there is a quorum, which is 5% of the total Unit 124 membership (or, 47 members), then members may make motions from the floor. If the motion passes, the CBA Board will consider the motion at a Board meeting to determine if action needs to be taken.
- Holiday Party – December 11 (Sunday) (food is served at noon; game will commence around 1 P.M.)
- December STaC – December 26, 2016 – January 1, 2017

Convention Card Holders with CBA Logo

The Board explored the purchase of 200 convention card holders with the CBA logo printed on it. The holders would be provided to attendees at the Holiday Party with the balance used as part of a new member welcome package.

Upon motion by Pam Campbell and seconded by Steve Moese, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board:

The President of the CBA is permitted to spend up to \$600 for convention card holders with the CBA logo for Holiday Party attendees and new members

Unit 124 Election Results

Unit 124 elections for the Board of Trustees had the three incumbents (Messrs. Meinking, Mess, and Moese) reelected.

Appointment of New Trustee

Pursuant to Article VI of the CBA Constitution and Bylaws, the Trustees unanimously appointed Elaine Jarchow to the Board of Trustees.

CBC Manager

John Meinking reported that he has had discussions about having a manager for the CBC to take some of the burden off the Board for routine matters of CBC operations. In the past, there has been a CBC Manager, but it was discontinued due to financial restraints. The consensus of the Board was both that a job description and proposed compensation structure should be fleshed out before the Board makes a decision on this matter. Pam Campbell and Steve Moese

agreed to work on the job description. John Meinking agreed to explore the compensation structure based on the draft job description.

December Board Meeting/Dinner

The final Board Meeting for 2016 and the first Board Meeting for 2017 will be held on Wednesday, December 14. Pam Campbell agreed to contact La Petite France for reservations.

Coat Drive 2016

Nalin Mehta reported that the CBA is again sponsoring a coat drive for the homeless. Boxes for gently used coats will be at the CBC as of November 15 until just before the December holidays. All donated coats will be given to homeless shelters, which will clean the coats and provide the coats to homeless individuals.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at about 5:45 p.m.

Tom Mess
Unit 124 Secretary

2016 Annual Meeting Notes – November 15, 2016

The Unit 124 Annual Meeting for 2016 was held at the Cincinnati Bridge Center on November 15, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

John Meinking, President of Unit 124, chaired the meeting together with Steve Moese, Vice-President of Unit 124. President Meinking introduced the CBA Board of Trustees present, including the newly appointed Trustee, Elaine Jarchow.

President Meinking thanked all the CBA volunteers who worked on the 2016 remodeling of the CBC. Additional remodeling is planned in 2017 during the Cincinnati Regional Tournament.

President Meinking opened the meeting for comments and questions from the CBA members. There were several comments on the Mentor/Mentee Program. Some members felt that mentors were not as helpful as they could be. Many other members felt that the mentors greatly helped them improve their bridge skills. Bob Fisk, who heads up the Mentor/Mentee Program, commented that if ever there is a problem with a Mentor/Mentee pair, the Mentee should contact him directly and he would try to find a better fit. Bob also encouraged mentees to discuss with the mentors what bridge skills they hoped to improve.

After it was determined that there were more than 5% of CBA members present at the Annual Meeting (thereby constituting a quorum), in an amended motion proposed by Mike Lipp that was seconded by several members, the majority of members approved the following resolution:

In the Mentor/Mentee Program, the Board should consider holding exclusive Mentor/Mentee games on available open days at the Cincinnati Bridge Center, such as Wednesday evening, open Thursday evenings, Friday evenings, or Sundays

After the resolution passed, Steve Moese reminded the membership that the Board must consider the resolution, but is not required to follow the resolution.

At this time, Steve Moese told the audience that the CBA was requesting nominees for the Jerry Steuernagle Award. He stated that the Steuernagle Award is presented to a Unit 124 duplicate bridge player best exemplifying the principles of ethics, kindness, and high character in bridge. The award is based on four factors:

- 1) Contribution to the promotion of Duplicate Bridge
- 2) Action in setting high ethical standards
- 3) Compassion, sportsmanship, and sense of humor
- 4) Willingness to help less experienced players.

At the meeting, there were six nominations (listed in alphabetical order):

- Norm Coombs
- Bob Fisk
- Tom Mess
- Paul Pschesang
- Eugene Siutsau
- Lew Temples

Members asked if other nominations could be made. Steve Moese responded that he would post information on nominations on the CBA website and further nominations could be made.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.